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Petition type size keeps emergency manager law repeal off ballot for now

By JOHN MATUSZAK
H-P Staff Writer

LANSING — There were enough signatures to get a petition to repeal Michigan's emergency manager law on the November ballot, but in the end the Michigan Board of Canvassers couldn't decide if the type on part of the document was large enough.

That will keep in place Public Act 4, which gave sweeping powers to state-appointed emergency managers in Benton Harbor and elsewhere, until an appeal can be filed.

The Board of Canvassers split 2-2 along party lines Thursday on a challenge by Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility, which claimed that the petitions circulated by Stand Up for Democracy weren't legal because the heading was printed in a smaller type size than required.

The Democrats on the

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Dale G. Young / The Detroit News

Rev. Charles Williams (right) of Detroit points an accusing finger and shouts at the members of the state Board of Canvassers who did not approve the petition against Public Act 4 on Thursday. The board split along party lines when deciding whether to put the measure on November's ballot.

Michigan voters could face long ballot this fall

By KATHY BARKS HOFFMAN
AP Political Writer

LANSING — As many as eight proposals may be on Michigan's November ballot, bringing a deluge of money and ads over issues ranging from protecting collective bargaining rights to requiring utilities to use more renewable energy.

Four already have passed muster. On Thursday, the State Board of Canvassers approved three more and deadlocked over a fourth that would repeal the state's emergency manager

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LEARNING ABOUT NATURAL RESOURCES

ABOVE: Students from Coloma Middle School and the Martin Luther King Dream Academy in Benton Harbor learn about boating safety during the annual Fifth Grade Natural Resource Day at the Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds Thursday in Berrien Springs. The demonstration, put on by Patrick Poziwilko and Gaye Blind, coxswains with the St. Joseph Coast Guard Auxilliary, taught students about the importance of life jackets and how to properly enter a boat. Students (from left) are Dawuan Hawkins, Jaquaile Jackson, and Lindsey Schreier.

AT RIGHT: Alec McKie, a student from Coloma Middle School, learns how contaminants can migrate through the soil and pollute wells and streams. At left is Laird Williams from the Berrien County Health Department.

Photos by John Madill / H-P staff

Whirlpool earnings down from year ago

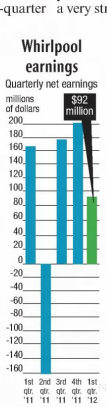
By JULIE SWIDWA
H-P Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Whirlpool Corp. Thursday reported first-quarter net earnings of $92 million, or $1.17 per share, compared with net earnings of $169 million, or $2.17 per share during the same period last year.

But income from the North America region nearly tripled because of price increases on household appliances and cost-cutting measures.

The main reason for the year-over-year drop in net earnings was lower tax credits, the company said.

Adjusting for special items such as restructuring costs and Brazilian tax credits and U.S. energy tax credits, Whirlpool reported adjusted earnings per share totaling $1.41, compared with 64 cents the prior year, beating analysts' average first-quarter estimates of $1.12 a share.



"Over all, we're pleased with our progress so far this year and we expect to deliver a very strong year of operating performance," Whirlpool Chairman and CEO Jeff Fettig said in a conference call with investors Thursday morning.

First-quarter operating profit totaled $205 million, compared with $228 million during the same period last year. Whirlpool said the decrease in profit is due to lower industry demand, higher material costs, reduced monetization of Brazilian tax credits and increased restructuring expense.

On an adjusted basis, operating profit totaled $232 million, up significantly from the $163 million reported in the prior year.

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BERRIEN COUNTY

County considers higher taxes for dispatch center

Growing deficit in 911 fund has officials looking to boost taxes, phone surcharge – or both

By SCOTT AIKEN
H-P Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County officials are considering seeking an increase in property taxes or a boost in a telephone surcharge, or both, to close a looming funding gap in the 911 emergency phone system.

The current countywide property tax of 0.25 mill for the system expires at the end of the year, and one proposal being evaluated would ask voters to replace the levy with a larger amount, possibly 0.48 mill.

Voter approval may also be sought for nearly tripling the 42-cent monthly telephone surcharge that helps support the system.

County commissioners discussed 911 funding during committee meetings Thursday and at a work session last week. They have made no decisions but seemed to agree that steps must be taken to increase funding.

Costs have increased as the county moved toward a central 911 call center in recent years, taking over dispatching for Benton Harbor and later Benton Township at the request of those municipalities.

St. Joseph plans on Sept. 30 to close its public safety answering point, or PSAP, which receives calls for service, and turn over dispatching chores to the county.

The county 911 dispatch center's budget this year is $3.2 million.

Officials said carryover funds for 911 are running out, and the shortfall for operations alone is expected to be $253,939 in 2013. If nothing is done, the gap between expenses and available revenue would increase to $1.33 million in 2017.

The funding gap for equipment is estimated at $229,000 for each of the next five years. Meeting all the anticipated operational and capital funding requirements would require about $5.58 million more for 2013-17.

County officials anticipated that a funding gap would develop after opening the central dispatch center on East Empire Avenue in Benton

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Report: Rebates from health care law will top $1B

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 3 million health insurance policyholders and thousands of employers will share $1.3 billion in rebates this year, thanks to President Barack Obama's health care law, a nonpartisan research group said Thursday.

The rebates should average $127 for the people who get them, and Democrats are hoping they'll send an election-year message that Obama's much-criticized health care overhaul is starting to pay dividends for consumers. Critics of the law call that wishful thinking.

The law requires insurance companies to spend at least 80 percent of the premiums they collect on medical care and quality improvement or return the difference to consumers and employers. Although many large employer plans already meet that standard, it's the first time the government has imposed such a requirement on the entire health insurance industry.

"This is one of the most tangible benefits of the health reform law that consumers will have seen to date," said Larry Levitt, an expert on private insurance with the Kaiser Family Foundation, which analyzed industry filings with state health insurance commissioners to produce its report. Kaiser is a nonpartisan information clearinghouse on the nation's health care system.

And the insurance industry says consumers should take little comfort from the rebates because premiums are likely to go up overall as a result of new benefits and other requirements of the law.

"The net of all the requirements will be an increase in costs for consumers," said Robert Zirkelbach, spokesman for America's Health Insurance Plans, the main industry trade group.

"Given that health care costs are inherently unpredictable, it's not surprising that some plans will be paying rebates to policyholders in certain markets," Zirkelbach added.

Charles Dharapak / AP

The Supreme Court is preparing what could be blockbuster rulings on health care and immigration just before the election.

Court moves to center of presidential race

By CHARLES BABINGTON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, suddenly at the heart of presidential politics, is preparing what could be blockbuster rulings on health care and immigration shortly before the fall election.

The court, sometimes an afterthought in presidential elections, is throwing a new element of uncertainty into the campaign taking shape between President Barack Obama and presumptive Republican nominee Mitt Romney.

Sharply divided between four conservatives, four liberals and one conservative-leaning swing justice, the court already is viewed as being nearly as partisan as Congress. Within weeks it will rule on the contentious 2010 Democratic-crafted health care overhaul and a Republican-backed Arizona law that's seen as a model for cracking down on illegal immigrants.

Obama sometimes seems to be running against the court, or at least its conservative members. Whether that will sway voters in November is unclear. The public receives far less information and visual imagery of the Supreme Court than it does of the White House and Congress.

An anti-court strategy by Obama "will fire up his base, but I doubt it will make any bigger impact on swing voters," said Republican consultant John Feehery.

Meanwhile, strategists in both parties are hoping they can turn the upcoming decisions to their advantage – for instance, possibly boosting Democratic turnout among Hispanic voters unhappy with GOP immigration policies or emboldening the Republican base if Obama's landmark health care law is ruled unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court already has played a huge and direct role in U.S. presidential politics. Its 5-4 ruling in Bush v. Gore settled the bitter 2000 contest by barring a Florida ballot recount, which Democrats hoped would prevent George W. Bush's election.

And the 2010 Citizens United case, also decided 5-4, greatly eased political spending restrictions on corporations and unions. It gave birth to the "super PACs" that are reshaping campaigns by raising millions of anonymously donated dollars for TV ads attacking Obama, Romney and targeted congressional candidates.

By holding well-publicized hearings on the health care and immigration cases – and now writing keenly awaited decisions – the court is stirring passions on key issues in this year's elections. Less clear, however, is how the politics might play out.

Many court-watchers expect the justices to throw out most or all of the health law, which Republicans derisively call "Obamacare." During public oral arguments, the most conservative justices questioned Congress' authority to require all Americans to obtain health insurance.

Romney may be poorly positioned to exploit such a ruling, however. The similar "individual mandate" that he successfully pushed as Massachusetts governor was a model for Obama's federal plan.

"I don't think the Romney campaign will want to make health care a major issue," said Democratic strategist Doug Hattaway. "Every time Romney criticizes the president's health care reform, he opens himself up to the Etch A Sketch attack."

Taylor conviction sends warning to tyrants

LEIDSCHENDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Former Liberian President Charles Taylor became the first head of state since World War II to be convicted by an international war crimes court, a historic verdict that sends a message that tyrants worldwide will be tracked down and brought to justice.

The warlord-turned-president was found guilty on Thursday of 11 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity for arming Sierra Leone rebels in exchange for "blood diamonds" mined by slave laborers and smuggled across the border.

Judges at the Special Court for Sierra Leone said Taylor played a crucial role in allowing the rebels to continue a bloody rampage during that West African nation's 11-year civil war, which ended in 2002 with more than 50,000 dead. Ten years after the war ended, Sierra Leone is still struggling to rebuild.

The rebels gained international notoriety for hacking off the limbs of their victims and carving their groups' initials into opponents and even children they kidnapped, drugged and turned into killers. The rebels developed gruesome terms for the mutilations that became their chilling trademark: They would offer their victims the choice of "long sleeves" or "short sleeves" – having their hands hacked off or their arms sliced off above the elbow.

The 64-year-old Taylor will be sentenced next month after a separate hearing. The court has no death penalty and no life sentence. Judges have given eight other rebels as much as 52 years in prison.

The verdict was hailed by prosecutors, victims and rights activists as a watershed moment in efforts to end impunity for leaders responsible for atrocities.

Secret Service investigating another overseas trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — Expanding the prostitution investigation, the Secret Service acknowledged Thursday it is checking whether its employees hired strippers and prostitutes in advance of President Barack Obama's visit last year to El Salvador.

The disclosure came not long after the Homeland Security secretary assured skeptical senators that the recent prostitution scandal in Colombia appeared to be an isolated incident.

A spokesman for the Secret Service, Edwin Donovan, said the agency was investigating allegations raised in news reports about unprofessional behavior that have emerged in the aftermath of the Colombia incident. The latest, by Seattle television station KIRO-TV, quoted anonymous sources as saying that Secret Service employees received sexual favors from strippers at a club in San Salvador and took prostitutes to their hotel rooms ahead of Obama's visit to the city in March 2011.

Prostitution is legal in both Colombia and El Salvador.

Separately, The Washington Post this week cited unnamed "confidants" of the Secret Service officers implicated in Colombia saying senior managers had tolerated similar behavior during previous official trips. The Post described a visit to Buenos Aires in 2009 by former President Bill Clinton, whose protective detail it said included agents and uniformed officers. During that trip, the Post said, members of the detail went out for a late night of partying at strip clubs.

Donovan said Thursday, "Any information brought to our attention that can be assessed as credible will be followed up on in an appropriate manner."

In a confidential message to senators, also Thursday, the Secret Service said its Office of Professional Responsibility had not received complaints about officer behavior in El Salvador but would investigate.

Here's Bill

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Thursday drawings

Midday Daily 3:
5-6-8
Midday Daily 4:
4-1-2-3
Daily 3:
9-6-9
Daily 4:
8-5-8-0
Fantasy 5:
02-05-10-23-28
Keno:
08-11-15-20-21-23-25-27-32-33-34-36-38-39-43-48-53-65-66-73-75-76
Mega Millions jackpot:
$88 million
Powerball jackpot:
$40 million

Wednesday evening drawings

Powerball lotto:
04-25-29-34-43
Power ball:
29

Indiana

Thursday midday drawings

Daily Three-Midday:
5-7-8
Daily Four-Midday:
3-8-0-4
Lucky 5-Midday:
15-18-23-24-34

Wednesday evening drawings

Tag 6:
6-0-8-2-7-7
Daily Three-Evening:
1-8-8
Daily Four-Evening:
1-5-1-3
Lucky 5-Evening:
07-09-11-25-31
Quick Draw:
01-03-12-14-20-22-23-28-29-30-31-35-42-47-55-58-62-66-68-76
Hoosier Lotto:
09-10-13-16-25-44
Lotto jackpot:
$9.5 million

Illinois

Thursday midday drawings

Pick Three-Midday:
5-6-9
Pick Four-Midday:
5-9-8-0

Wednesday evening drawings

Pick Three-Evening:
5-6-8
Pick Four-Evening:
8-2-0-5
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Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 6:30p.m.
In the school library.
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School funding plans differ greatly

By JEFF KAROUB
Associated Press

LANSING — The education budgets proposed by Gov. Rick Snyder as well as those passed this week by the Michigan Senate and House significantly differ, which means lawmakers will have plenty to work out before a plan can become law for the budget year beginning in October.

The House passed a kindergarten-through-12th grade school-aid budget Thursday with per-student funding between $6,846 and $8,019 – unchanged from last year and the same proposed by Snyder. The Senate bill passed Wednesday proposes increasing per-student spending by between $116 and $232, to $8,135 and $7,078, respectively.

Snyder proposes increasing by $24 million the state reimbursement to schools to partially offset retirement costs. The House plan increases it by $93.5 million, while the Senate offers no money and redirects most of Snyder's amount to per-student funding.

Another difference can be seen in funding for kindergarten. State rules approved last year require districts to offer all-day kindergarten to receive full funding for each pupil starting in September, and many districts have changed to full-day kindergarten in anticipation of the change.

Both the governor and the Senate in their budget proposals estimate savings of $50 million will materialize from paying half the funding to half-day programs. The House plan would assume no savings, which is equivalent to spending $50 million.

The lawmakers also will need to reconcile differences in their plans related to money set aside for so-called best practices and student academic performance. Snyder seeks a combined $190 million for eligible districts, an increase from last year. The House proposes $115 million for best practices and doesn't provide for student performance, instead adding $75 million for technology improvement grants. For its part, the Senate offers nothing for the best practices grants and $40 million for performance.

"It's a pretty stark contrast in the big ticket items," said Kathryn Summers, the Senate Fiscal Agency's associate director who analyzed the Senate bill and compared it with the other proposals. "There are significant differences among all three pillars."

The proposals also prompted significant partisan differences.

State Rep. Bill Rogers, R-Brighton, said the goal after last year's significant budget cuts was getting "to even" funding, and "we have accomplished that." Birmingham Republican Rep. Chuck Moss said the House budget "continues hard choices" but he's proud of it.

Senate Democratic Leader Gretchen Whitmer of East Lansing called her chamber's budget "horrifying." She said the last 16 months has seen nearly $1.5 billion taken out of the school-aid fund to backfill the general fund and pay for business tax breaks.

"I think these past two years have been the worst for education that we've seen in decades," she said.

Michigan bats survey finds no sign of killer fungus

BARAGA (AP) — Michigan bats seem to be doing OK, so far dodging a disease that has been wiping out bat colonies around the country, according to a Michigan Department of Natural Resources report released Thursday.

A statewide survey of 60 bat wintering sites in Michigan found no sign of the fatal fungal disease white nose syndrome, the DNR said. It said Eastern Michigan University's Allen Kurta and Steve Smith collaborated on the work.

In white nose syndrome, the fungus infects a bat's skin and causes the bat's energy reserves to deplete before the hibernation period is over.

Researchers surveyed caves and abandoned mines across the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula, the DNR said. It said the survey locations represent the major bat colony hibernation sites in Michigan, with some colonies numbering more than 50,000 bats.

"Our survey efforts focused on areas where WNS would most likely first appear," said DNR wildlife biologist Bill Scullon, based in Baraga in the Upper Peninsula. "Given the speed with which this devastating disease has spread across the country, we're very pleased to have found no visible signs of WNS in Michigan this season. Unfortunately, all indications are that the disease will eventually arrive here."

According to the DNR, the invasive fungus behind the disease is believed to have originated in Europe. It has spread to 19 states and four Canadian provinces since an outbreak was discovered in eastern New York in 2006. White nose syndrome has been confirmed in Ontario at a location within 90 miles from Michigan border, as well as in Ohio and Indiana.

Since the disease was first detected in the U.S. at least 55 million bats from six different species have died from it, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Scientists say the mortality rate approaches 95 percent in some places.

Scientists have said they fear the disease could push some species to extinction and dramatically reduce the population of an animal farmers depend on for natural pest control.

John Madill / H-P file photo

911 dispatch supervisor Chriss Lyon fields a call at the Berrien County Dispatch center on East Empire in Benton Township.

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Township in April 2008.

The newly equipped center replaced a dispatch center at the sheriff's department. It was built with enough space to allow municipalities to close their PSAPs and have the county assume dispatching.

To absorb the greatly increased call volume, six additional dispatchers were hired. The center today has a staff of 30.

County central dispatch, which is backed up by a PSAP in Niles, improves efficiency because information is dispersed from one place, officials said.

Also, centralization can help keep down the cost of equipment in a time of rapidly changing communications technology.

The county anticipates that in the five years ahead needed technology upgrades will include the next generation of radio consoles and 911 control equipment, plus refinements to computer aided dispatch.

"We can't ignore the hole," county Administrator Bill Wolf said of the funding gap. "It's a hole we've known is coming, and now it's hitting us in 2013."

Boosting revenue

Wolf prepared a list of options that would provide the revenue needed to close the funding gap.

One would be to seek only renewal of the 0.25-mill tax for 911 this year and make up any shortfall from the general fund. But that would eventually require an increase in the tax millage that supports the general fund.

Among the other options under consideration are seeking voter approval of a 0.48-mill property tax to replace the expiring levy, or asking voters to increase the 42-cent phone surcharge to $1.10 a month.

A combination of the two would also provide the needed revenue, possibly a 0.45-mill property tax and an 18-cent increase in the surcharge to 60 cents a month.

Around the state, counties similar in population to Berrien pay for 911 emergency services in various ways.

Kalamazoo County, for example, does not have a property tax or phone surcharge for 911 but in 2010 used $2.24 million from the general fund.

Four other counties – Ottawa, Bay, Ingham and Eaton – have property tax levies for 911 ranging from 0.44 mill to 0.95 mill. Ingham also receives phone surcharge revenue, but Ottawa, Bay and Eaton do not.

Allegan County in 2010 did not levy a property tax or use general fund money, but its 911 system was supported by a monthly phone surcharge of $1.63.

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board held that the issue of the type face shouldn't keep the issue off the ballot, while the Republicans had a stricter interpretation of the law.

The Associated Press reported that about 100 supporters of the repeal measure stood and repeatedly shouted, "Shame!" at the board, pointing angry fingers after the vote. Several people went up to where the board was sitting and pointed fingers at Republican members Norm Shinkle and Jeff Timmer.

"We're tied by the letter of the law here, and that's how we have to vote," Timmer said.

The action also drew fire from statewide organizations, including the Green Party of Michigan and Rainbow PUSH.

"This is a blatant miscarriage of justice. Whether in Michigan or Egypt, state occupation is not what democracy looks like," charged D. Alexander Bullock, state coordinator for Rainbow PUSH Michigan and the Rainbow PUSH Detroit chapter president.

An emergency manager is in charge of Detroit public schools.

The number of signatures was not a point of dispute.

Elections Director Chris Timmons said Stand Up for Democracy had submitted enough to get the issue on the ballot. Petitions with 225,885 signatures were submitted in February. At least 161,305 valid names were needed to get on the ballot.

'Kangaroo court'

Benton Harbor City Commissioner Marcus Muhammad has been a vocal opponent of the law that gave the city's emergency manager, Joseph Harris, the power to bypass elected officials and negate union contracts to get the city's budget balanced.

He said he wasn't surprised by the decision and said the Board of Canvassers acted as "a kangaroo court."

"The decision is a testament to the great divide that exists in the state of Michigan, which is choking and dying as a result of partisan politics," Muhammad added.

Muhammad was critical of both Democrats and Republicans on the board and what he called the "incestuous relationships" between opposing groups.

He suggested that two members of the board should have recused themselves because of their connections with organizations involved in the ballot fight.

Timmer is employed by the Sterling Corp., which formed Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility.

"It's very difficult to work for this group and go against this group," Muhammad said.

Board of Canvassers Chairwoman Julie Matuzak, a Democrat, is the political director of the American Federation of Teachers, which sent out members to collect signatures to get the repeal on the ballot.

She should have recused herself as well, Muhammad said.

Now it will be up to the courts, he said.

Plans to sue

Herb Sanders, Stand Up for Democracy's lawyer, said Thursday that he plans to file a suit with the Michigan Court of Appeals to get the issue on the November ballot. He said he is ready to go to the federal court if necessary.

If the petition had been approved, Public Act 4 would have been temporarily suspended. It's possible, though not certain, that the law would have reverted to Public Act 72, which gives emergency managers less authority.

The Benton Harbor commissioners have been stripped of most of their authority by Harris. They can only open and close meetings and approve minutes.

Benton Harbor Mayor James Hightower said there would have been some changes in how commissioners' meetings are conducted and how resolutions are passed if PA 4 had been suspended, but he didn't expect that any major disruptions would have occurred.

"For me it's full-steam ahead" to move the city forward, said Hightower, the recently elected mayor who was the target of a 5-4 no-confidence vote by commissioners. along with Emergency Manager Harris. "I'm incredibly busy, and I'm incredibly optimistic that Benton Harbor is going to be the destination of the future."

Another critic of the emergency manager law, Commissioner Dennis Knowles, said he is ready to "extend an olive branch" and to work with Harris for the betterment of Benton Harbor.

The emergency manager will never leave until the city has a solid strategic plan, Knowles said.

"The combat is over," said Knowles, who had backed a recall effort of State Rep. Al Pscholka for his sponsorship of Public Act 4. The recall failed to get on the ballot.

In addition to Benton Harbor and Detroit schools there are emergency managers in place in Highland Park and Muskegon Heights public schools, and the cities of Flint, Pontiac and Ecorse.

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WHIRLPOOL

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"The first quarter was a strong start to the year as we benefitted from our margin expansion efforts and continued innovation investments," Fettig said. "Our cost and capacity-reduction initiatives and previously implemented cost-based pricing actions are on track to deliver our operating profit margin, earnings and free cash flow guidance for the year."

Fettig said Whirlpool continues to expect full-year earnings per share of $5 to $5.50 and, on an adjusted basis, earnings per share of $6.50 to $7.

In the first quarter, Whirlpool said, strong profitability improvement in the North America and Latin America regions was partially offset by weak economic conditions in Europe.

The North America region reported operating profit of $151 million, compared with $59 million in the previous year. Whirlpool attributed those results to previously announced product price increases, improved product mix, cost reduction efforts and ongoing productivity that more than offset lower industry volumes and higher material costs. Sales of $2.2 billion in North America were down 1 percent from the prior year, and unit shipments were down by about 7 percent.

Whirlpool Latin America reported first-quarter sales of $1.3 billion, an increase of 3 percent from the prior year. Taking into account currency translation, sales increased 7 percent. Latin American unit shipments increased 2 percent.

The region reported operating profit of $121 million, compared with $174 million in the previous year. Adjusting for monetization of Brazilian tax credits, operating profit totaled $114 million, compared with $108 million the prior year.

The company expects full-year 2012 appliance industry shipments in the Latin America region to increase toward the high end of its previously stated 2-5 percent range.

Whirlpool Europe, Middle East and Africa reported first-quarter sales of $688 million, an 8 percent decrease from the prior year. Unit shipments for the region were down by 4 percent.

Operating profit for the region of $5 million improved from the $32 million fourth-quarter 2011 loss but was down from $25 million profit in the prior year period.

The company continues to expect full-year 2012 industry unit shipments in the region to decrease in the range of 2-5 percent.

Whirlpool Asia reported first-quarter sales of $202 million, a decrease of 3 percent from the prior year. Excluding the impact of currency, sales increased 2 percent.

First-quarter operating profit in the region totaling $9 million was down from $11 million in the prior-year period. Volume growth, favorable product price/mix and productivity initiatives were more than offset by unfavorable currency and higher material costs.

The company expects full-year 2012 industry unit shipments in Asia to increase at the low end of its previously projected 2-4 percent range.

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law. Unions and voters unhappy with the powers emergency managers have to dismiss elected leaders and rip up union contracts plan to go to court to try to get the repeal on the ballot.

Unlike past years, when some ballot proposals' backers had little money to increase support, this year's measures are largely being pushed by groups with deep pockets.

That includes a measure that would let voters decide if a new bridge separate from the Ambassador Bridge should be built between Detroit and Windsor, Ontario. The proposal came from the Ambassador Bridge owners, who already have spent millions of dollars on TV ads and campaign contributions to sway public opinion against the new bridge supported by Gov. Rick Snyder.

The four-member board, made up of two Democrats and two Republicans, approved letting that measure go forward. Supporters must collect at least 300,000 valid signatures to get on the Nov. 6 ballot.

Interest groups had until the end of this week to get the board's approval on the form of their petitions, causing a recent rush of filings. One came in less than an hour before the board's meeting at the Lansing Center, as opponents of horizontal hydraulic fracturing – also known as "fracking" – submitted a petition asking voters to approve a statewide ban on using the practice to extract natural gas. That measure also got the board's approval.

The third measure whose petitions won the board's OK would require a two-thirds vote in both the House and the Senate to raise state taxes in Michigan. Asked if the measure also would ban raising fees, the legal counsel for the group backing the proposal, Eric Doster, said "that would be up to a court to decide." If voters approve the measure, it could keep the state from raising more money for roads, schools and other programs unless a supermajority of lawmakers agreed.

The board already has given the go-ahead nod to four other proposals. One, pushed by unions, would amend the state constitution to ban right-to-work laws and roll back many of the changes GOP lawmakers have made in public employees' benefits. Another union-backed measure would allow the state to collect union dues from home health care workers, a practice GOP lawmakers are trying to ban.

The seventh proposal would let voters decide if eight more casinos should be allowed around the state, including one in downtown Lansing. An eighth measure would require major utilities to obtain 25 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2025. Current law requires they get 10 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2015.

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Romney believes in magical, unfettered capitalism

E.J. Dionne

It turns out that there is at least one question on which Mitt Romney is not a flip-flopper: He has a utopian view of what an unfettered, lightly taxed market economy can achieve.

He would never put it this way, of course, but his approach looks forward by looking backward to the late 19th century, when government let market forces rip and a conservative Supreme Court swept aside as unconstitutional almost every effort to write rules for the economic game. This magical capitalism is the centerpiece of Romney's campaign, and it may prove to be his undoing.

Here's Romney's problem. His best strategy is to cast President Obama as a failure because the economy has not come all the way back from the implosion of 2008. The most effective passages in his well-reviewed speech after his Tuesday primary victories were about the shortcomings of the status quo.

"Is it easier to make ends meet?" Romney asked. "Is it easier to sell your home or buy a new one? Have you saved what you needed for retirement? Are you making more at your job? Do you have a better chance to get a better job? Are you paying less at the pump?"

And there was the line pundits were bound to love that played off James Carville's memorable utterance from Bill Clinton's 1992 campaign. "It's still about the economy," Romney said, clearly relishing the moment, "and we're not stupid."

But Romney, unlike Clinton, is not offering a program through which government would take specific steps to solve the problems he catalogs. Instead, he is calling on voters to share his faith that our difficulties would go away if the state simply got out of the way, allowed the market do its thing, and counted on the success of the successful to lift up everyone else.

Romney is right in saying he has "a very different vision" from Obama's, and this is where the magic comes in. He envisions "an America driven by freedom, where free people, pursuing happiness in their own unique ways, create free enterprises that employ more and more Americans. And because there are so many enterprises that are succeeding, the competition for hardworking, educated, skilled employees is intense, so wages and salaries rise."

Just like that, all would be well – as if we never needed the trustbusting of the Progressive Era, the social legislation of the New Deal, the health programs of the Great Society, and the coordinated action of the world's governments in 2008 and 2009 to keep the Great Recession from becoming something far worse.

This is Romney's true radicalism. I suspect it is a principled radicalism. And exposing its implications will be Obama's opening to make the campaign about something other the economy, stupid. Romney's speech on Tuesday was every bit as important as his supporters said it was. It contained both the foundation of an effective campaign based on the electorate's discontents, and the basis for undermining the very argument Romney wants to make.

Romney's philosophical inclinations give the president ample room to speak to non-ideological, non-utopian voters, the 10 percent or 15 percent who will decide this election.

They may not like government very much, but they are also wary about what capitalism does when the watchdogs fall asleep. They don't cotton to further tax cuts for the wealthy. They reject the idea that worrying about how unequal the rewards in our society have become is the same thing as being "envious" of those who have done well. They are fully onboard that opportunity and not "entitlement" is the American way. But they rather welcome the help – low-interest student loans, for example – that government can offer to those looking to rise and prosper.

That's why Romney's shift to Obama's side in the president's battle with House Republicans over student loans may be his most instructive flip-flop yet. It shows that Romney will do all he can to soften his underlying radicalism. His goal is to deprive Obama of ways to reveal the concrete impact of free-market utopianism – and the price of the cutbacks Romney embraced by endorsing Rep. Paul Ryan's budget.

What Romney has going for him is a journalistic presumption that he is either a closet "moderate" or so opportunistic that he is altogether lacking in a coherent worldview. The first is wrong. The second is unfair to Romney. What he believes matters, and it is the biggest obstacle between him and the White House.

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The war on terror is over? Poppycock

Cal Thomas

The war on terror is over," or so claims an unnamed senior State Department official, as reported by National Journal's Michael Hirsh in his recent article "The Post al-Qaida Era."

Really? Well, if the war is over, I must have missed the peace treaty signing ceremony. I also haven't noticed a decline in incendiary rhetoric, or the disarmament – or at least laying down of arms – that usually accompanies the end of war. Does this mean we can do away with full-body scanners and TSA pat-downs?

Those who believe the war against radical Islamists is over never really believed we were fighting one. They have been in denial from the start. Each time they have been proven wrong – the land for peace formula between Israel and her enemies is just one example among many – they have simply moved on to the next level of denial. Now they have reached rock bottom with nowhere else to go and are telling us we can live with Islamism.

Hirsh references Reuel Marc Gerecht, senior fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, a nonpartisan institution focusing on national security and foreign policy, whom he calls one of the "smarter hardliners on the Right." Hirsh says Gerecht is among an emerging group of policymakers and analysts coming to realize that "the Arab world may find another route to democracy – through Islamism."

This is preposterous. It is like saying the route to women's rights is through patriarchy. War is peace. George Orwell lives! Radical Islamists have made it perfectly clear they have no interest in joining the democratic process. They are at war. They are at war with the West. No amount of "make-nice" will stop them from trying to destroy Western infidels, which they consider all proponents of democracy to be.

Gerecht's kind of thinking is beyond self-delusional. It is suicidal. Any hope that the Arab Spring and the Middle East elections that result will make any difference in the way radical Islamists deal with or perceive the West is misplaced. Elections are meaningless without a framework guaranteeing individual rights. History is full of examples where elections brought to power dictators who then either gamed the system so their re-election was guaranteed or made sure there were no more elections.

Closer to reality is a report in the April 15 London Sunday Times. Reporter Hala Jaber writes from Cairo about the forthcoming Egyptian elections: "Voters fear the imposition of the veil and a harsh penal code if radicals win the election."

Ask the radical Islamic cleric Abu Qatada if he thinks the war against the West, which is the proper way of framing this conflict, is over. British Home Secretary Theresa May has possibly blown an opportunity to deport Qatada because of a bureaucratic snafu over a deadline for his appeal to the European Court of Human Rights. Now there is a good chance that Qatada, described by a judge in Spain as Osama bin Laden's right-hand man in Europe, could be released from prison instead of being deported to Jordan as planned.

Just because the leadership of al-Qaida has been killed, imprisoned or forced to run, does not mean that the fighting stops. In fact, though the "war on terror" may be over as a concept, White House spokesman Tommy Vietor assured Michael Hirsh, the war against al-Qaida rages on. But the war is much broader than al-Qaida. Terrorism flows from a belief system and worldview that will not be crushed because a few al-Qaida leaders are gone.

The secular left refuses to understand this. Terrorism is not the only tool in the arsenal of radical Islamists. Infiltration, Islamic schools, the building of mosques in the midst of the "Great Satan," the running of Muslim candidates for public office, the demands for more "rights" and civil liberties, while Islamists deny such things to the nations they dominate – all of this and more proves the war by whatever name one wishes to call it is not over. In fact, it is just beginning.

Radical Islamists are attempting to unify the Muslim world under Sharia law and other dictates of the extremist wing of the religion. If they succeed, they will most assuredly redouble their efforts to eliminate Israel and come after America.

The war on terror continues. We need to fight it to win it.

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Letters

Colson was so much more than a mere felon

Editor,

The is regarding the headline, "Watergate felon Charles Colson dies," on April 22. How sad that the headline writer should do it that way.

True, Colson did go to prison for the Watergate-related crime. But he paid his debt to society and has been for many years a truly born-again Christian whose life has been dedicated to the redemption of incarcerated persons.

Ask Berrien County Sheriff Paul Bailey and he will tell you that most convicts return to crime again and again. But those who are converted often go straight and help others to go straight.

Colson's group is called Prison Fellowship Ministries, and it is dedicated to work with those who paid their debts to society and the families of those folks.

Many have been helped to rebuild honest lives.

There are other groups in such work as well. I'll name two – International Prison Ministries (which incidentally was started by Ray Hoekstra of Berrien Springs) and Forgotten Man Ministries, which provides chaplains to county jails (including Berrien) and prisons.

Both of these provide Bibles, Bible studies and uplifting books to incarcerated people.

All of the above say that a headline such as, "Noted prison evangelist dies," sub-headed with, "The story of one man who truly changed from lawbreaker to a servant of God and to those so much in need of conversion from lives of crime," would be just as true – and more clearly reflecting of Colson's life.

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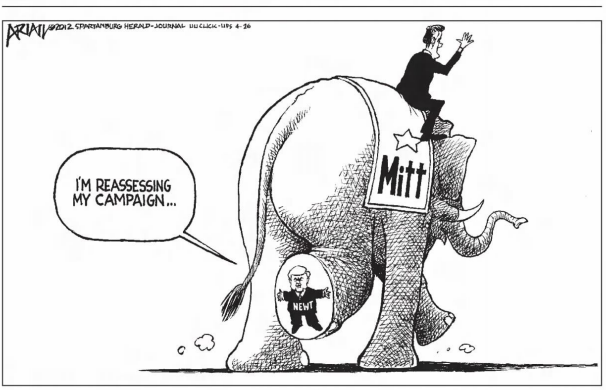

Today's 'yutes' are ruining many a good thing

By KEVIN HORRIGAN
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

I have some concerns. Not major concerns. I have those, too. But everyday concerns, most of them related to the fact that I no longer seem to be hip.

For example, I am concerned about the Viagra commercial I see when I'm watching sports on TV. "This is the age of knowing how to get things done," it says. It shows a guy driving what appears to be a vintage Pontiac GTO down a highway in the desert. The engine starts to overheat.

The guy who knows how to get things done pulls into a raggedy-looking garage/gas station, which just happens to have a vending machine that sells liter-size bottles of water. He buys one, takes a slurp and pours the rest of it into his radiator. He happily drives away, headed (we are led to believe) for a romantic rendezvous where his knowledge of how to get things done will involve the deployment of Viagra.

It's not hip to obsess about Viagra commercials. But the guy who knows how to get things done is a dope. There's no way he's going to make that rendezvous, not after he blows the head gasket or cracks the block on his GTO by pouring cold water into the radiator.

Why buy water when you can get it from the garage's hose? The water from the hose not only would be free, but it also would be warm and, thus, safer for the car. Plus, the guy who knows how to get things done ought to be using a mixture of water and coolant.

I'm concerned for the wife of the guy who knows how to get things done. Based on his performance at the gas station, if he ever gets home, she's going to be disappointed.

Why am I so concerned? Because for a long time, I defined the word hip. For example, I was drinking a lot of water long before drinking a lot of water became cool. Now I learn that's not enough.

In my office is a cooler that holds five-gallon bottles of water. But it's not just water. No, the label says it's "the hydration drink."

That's because today's yutes don't drink water. They "hydrate."

This is an advertising term, badly used. A hydrate is a chemical compound containing water. People could just drink water if they're thirsty, but advertisers have convinced them to "hydrate" instead. It is such a pretentious term that the military quickly adopted it.

In the movie "Jarhead," a Marine colonel tells his troops, "So you will hydrate, you will train, you will adjust to this desert, and you'll hydrate some more."

Even though the fact that I can recall the Sons of the Pioneers suggests that I'm not hip, I want to rewrite their song:

"All day I face
"The burnin' waste
"Without a chance
"To hydrate.
"Cool hydration."

When I'm not drinking water, I'm drinking Budweiser, which, apparently, no longer is hip. That concerns me.

Every time I read about Budweiser, it is losing more market share. Sales were off 4.6 percent last year after falling 7 percent in 2010 and nearly 10 percent in 2009. Sales were off 4.4 percent in the first quarter of this year, despite (or perhaps because of) a trendy new advertising campaign aimed at young beer drinkers.

The King of Beers is now sort of the Duke of Beers, its U.S. sales ranking behind Bud Light and Coors Light. This is hard to understand except as evidence of the abject failure of American public education.

At the same time they're drinking Coors Light, America's yutes have turned the simple act of drinking beer into something like sequencing the human genome. They blog about beer. They tweet about beer. They discuss "hoppiness." They mix beer with blueberries and raspberries and apricots. They talk about "finishing notes" of nutmeg, clove and banana.

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You want to know what's wrong in America today? Beer that tastes like bananas.

I'm concerned when I read about hockey players who have "lower-body" or "upper-body" injuries. Apparently this is National Hockey League policy; so many teams were lying about injured players that the league said they had to disclose them, but only whether the injury was north or south of the belly button. Next time you take a sick day, tell the boss you have a "lower body" ailment and see what happens.

Finally, I am concerned that the University of Missouri's football team now has 24 separate combinations of Nike-designed, ultra-cool uniforms. The block "M" on the sides of the helmets has been replaced by growling tiger logos. I liked the "M," but the new unis were designed to appeal to the aesthetic sensibilities of 18-year-old high school jocks, like the football recruit for whom our state university prepared fried sushi for breakfast. They're the ones who will be hydrating. They're the ones who will be deciding (but of course, not until they're 21) what kind of beers are sold.

Guys like me don't know how to get things done any more.

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Obituaries

Arlie J. 'Jack' Overhiser

SOUTH HAVEN — Arlie J. "Jack" Overhiser, 88, of South Haven passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, at Borgess Hospital on April 25, 2012.

Jack was born on Sept. 13, 1923, to Arlie and Amelia Overhiser of South Haven. He was a country boy who loved to fish and play in the woods surrounding the family farm in Casco Township. He showed an early talent for construction by building shacks in the woods near his home. He was a graduate of South Haven High School, where he was the pride of the state champion apple judging team in the Future Farmers of America.

OVERHISER

A proud Navy veteran of World War II, Jack was the "oil king" on the U.S.S. Prince William, an escort carrier that served in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters of war. Following the war Jack married Mary Ann Pringle, also of South Haven, on March 8, 1947. They recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with family.

Jack was a skilled roofer and carpenter who worked for Drenth Roofing Company until his retirement. Throughout his life Jack enjoyed hunting, fishing and boating with good friends and family. He will always be remembered for his love of and loyalty to family and friends, his honesty and remarkable skill as a craftsman. Jack will forever be remembered for his blue eyes and bright smile.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; his son, Steve (Margee) Overhiser of Hamilton, Mich.; his daughter, Jo Ann (Gary) Tipton of Benton Harbor; and seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Harry and Roger, and good friends, George Nielsen, Harold Holman and Ed Sheputis.

Visitation will be held 9-10 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, at the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven. Funeral service will begin at 10 a.m., with the Rev. Jeffrey S. Dick officiating. Burial will take place in Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich. Memorial contributions can be made to the Food Pantry at First Congregational Church UCC of South Haven. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

Charles E. Henry

SOUTH HAVEN — Charles E. Henry of Hudson, Fla., died April 23, 2012, at the age of 96. He was born Dec. 16, 1915, in South Haven to Charles and Mary (Parrish) Henry. Charles graduated from South Haven High School in 1933. He went on to graduate with a bachelor of science degree from Western Michigan University in 1939. He did his graduate studies in child welfare at the University of Michigan. He then worked for the Boys Republic in Detroit and the juvenile court in Wayne County.

HENRY

Charles enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1941. He served in the South and Mid-Pacific. He retired after 32 years of service as a lieutenant colonel in October 1973. Charles and his brother-in-law, Robert Major, owned and operated Wolverine Hardware Store in South Haven from 1962 to 1967. In 1967 he became a mortgage officer at Citizen Trust & Savings Bank in South Haven. In 1977 Charles and his wife, Eileen, retired to Port Richey, Fla.

He enjoyed worshiping at Hope Reformed Church in South Haven and in later years with the First United Methodist Church of Hudson (Stephen Minister Program). Charles was an avid wood carver and gardener.

Charles is survived by his wife, Thelma (Brown) of Hudson, Fla. He is survived by his son, Richard (Linda) Henry of Bangor; granddaughters, Tristan (Dewey) Sweat of Grandville, Mich., and Teagan (Tino) Murillo of Portage, Mich.; and his great-granddaughter, Skyler. He is also survived by his stepchildren, Marilyn DeVine, Denise Kurtz and Scott DeVine.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Eileen (Major) Henry; his son, Robert Henry; and his stepdaughter, Penny DeVine. Also preceding him were his parents and his siblings, Carl, Leon, Culia, Mary, Allegra and Wesley.

A celebration of his life will be held in Michigan in the near future.

Anthony 'Tony' Anglin

ANGLIN

BENTON HARBOR — Tony's life began Oct. 28, 1965, in Benton Harbor. Tony spent his lifetime in the area working, playing and raising his family. Tony could fix anything, making working in maintenance a perfect fit. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and supporting the Detroit Lions and Tigers.

Tony loved his tractor, but not as much as his family, which includes two sons, Tony Anglin and Shilo Anglin; a daughter, Stormie Anglin; his mom, Carolyn Fowler; a sister, Tammy Watson; a niece, Amanda (Matthew) Koch and her children; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Tony died Tuesday, April 24, 2012. His dad, Lowell Anglin, and his stepfather, Richard Fowler, preceded Tony in death.

Friends may visit with Tony's family from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 30, at Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet, where funeral services will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 1. Burial will follow in North Shore Memory Gardens. Memorials may be made to Tony's family.

Mary Jo Bieg

THREE OAKS — Mary Jo Bieg, 70, of Three Oaks died Thursday morning, April 26, 2012, at St. Anthony Memorial Hospital, Michigan City, Ind.

Mary Jo was born Sept. 4, 1941, in Evanston, Ill., to Harold and Elizabeth (Scanlon) Klee. After graduating from high school she earned her bachelor of arts degree at Mundelein College. Mary Jo married Gerald L. Bieg on Jan. 19, 1962, in Brighton, Colo. She and her family were involved in buying and selling horses. Mary Jo was an artist, specializing in watercolor and other mediums.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald; daughters, Mary Zilke of St. Paul, Minn., Patricia Krumrie of Bridgman, Amy Springer of Galien, and Michelle Deau and Penny Wegner, both of Three Oaks; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild and one sister.

Cremation will take place. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at Mary Jo's family farm, 14475 Three Oaks Road, Three Oaks, Mich., from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 28. Pobocik Funeral Home in Three Oaks, Michigan, is serving the family. To leave an online tribute, please visit www.pobocik.com.

Phyllis Gundlock

COLOMA — Phyllis Gundlock, 76, of Coloma passed away Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at her home.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Pastor Brian Hall officiating. Cremation will follow the service, and a private burial will be held at Mission Hills Memorial Gardens in Niles. Friends may visit from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Coloma United Methodist Church food pantry. Those wishing to share a memory of Phyllis online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Phyllis was born Sept. 15, 1935, in Benton Harbor. She graduated from Berrien Springs High School in 1953. Phyllis worked for the Point O' Woods Golf and Country Club as a ladies lounge attendant. The highlight of her workday was taking care of the golf ladies. In her spare time she enjoyed watching her favorite television comedy shows and reading. She always looked after her family and will be deeply missed.

Phyllis is survived by her son, Brian (Jill) Gundlock of Niles; daughter, Michelle (Rex) Ross of Watervliet; four grandchildren, Jack and Wesley Gundlock and Autumn and Aftin Ross; and a great-granddaughter, Hannah McDonald.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her former husband, John Gundlock.

Orville Conrad

BRIDGMAN — Orville Conrad, 91, of Bridgman passed away on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at Jordan's Life Care Center in Bridgman.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, at Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman, with Pastor Darrel le Roux officiating. Friends may meet with the family from 10 to 11 a.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Orville was born Dec. 8, 1920, in Gladwin County, Mich., the son of the late Orville G. and Mildred (Carper) Conrad. Orville served with the U.S. Army in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre during World War II. He retired from Dow Chemical in 1973. Orville married Jacquelyn L. Young on Aug. 19, 1973, and they shared more than 38 years together. He enjoyed photography and loved being out of doors.

Survivors include his wife, Jacquelyn, of Bridgman; children, Douglas (Bernadette) Conrad of Bay City, Mich., Lowell (Donna) Conrad of Oregon, Connie (Gary) Glaske of Bridgman, Kathy (Jeff) Kalif of Alabama, Danny Livesay of Bridgman and Bruce (Robin) Livesay of Bridgman; sisters, Leaha Breault, Carol Hudson, Olive Misner, Joyce (Al) Risley, Roma (Jim) Forgie; 20 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Orville was also preceded in death by his sister, Evelyn Bard.

Naomi Zook

HARTFORD — Naomi Zook passed away Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at her home. Naomi was born Dec. 11, 1929, in Chicago, the daughter of Adam and Marie Czajkowski, and had lived in this area the majority of her life.

She enjoyed archery, for which she earned the title of Champion in the South West Michigan Archery League in 1953. She also enjoyed reading and worked at Standard Coil in Bangor.

Surviving are three children, Mark (Jeanette) of West Virginia, Becky (Larry) Woodley of Hartford and Peggy (Randy) Ruppel of Hartford; and a granddaughter, Heather (Brian Tibbs) Ruppel.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren, a grandson, Jason, and her parents.

The family will meet friends 3-7 p.m. on Sunday at the Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home (www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com), where funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, with Pastor Marla Thurman officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the family to assist with funeral expenses.

Death notices

Mary Jo Bieg, 70, Three Oaks, died April 26 at St. Anthony Memorial Hospital, Michigan City, Ind. Pobocik Funeral Home Connelly-Noble Chapel, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

Joyce Ann (Freehling) Carmichael, 64, Benton Harbor, died April 24 at Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Orville Conrad, 91, Bridgman, died April 24 at Jordan's Life Care Center, Bridgman. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239 (866-269-3866).

Ronald Fitz, 69, formerly of Coloma, died April 25, in Lexington, S.C. Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, Coloma, 468-3181.

Charles E. Henry, 96, Hudson, Fla., formerly of South Haven, died April 23. National Cremation Society, Hudson, 727-863-1000 or 1-800-dignity.

Richard Ivens, 72, Indianapolis, formerly of Dowagiac, died April 25 at home. Yazel & Clark Chapel, Dowagiac, 782-2135.

Arlie J. "Jack" Overhiser, 88, South Haven, died April 25 at Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Naomi Zook, 82, Hartford, died April 25 at home. Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home, 427-7551 (888-281-0675).

Cancer survivors urged to eat better, exercise

By MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA — A cancer diagnosis often inspires people to exercise and eat healthier. Now the experts say there's strong evidence that both habits may help prevent the disease from coming back.

New guidelines issued Thursday by the American Cancer Society urge doctors to talk to their cancer patients about eating right, exercising and slimming down if they're too heavy.

That's not something most doctors do, said Dr. Omer Kucuk, an Emory University oncologist who has researched the effect of nutrition on prostate cancer. They're focused on surgery, chemotherapy or other treatments for their patients, he added.

"Usually the last thing on their mind is to talk about diet and exercise," Kucuk said.

Cancer society officials have long encouraged healthy eating and exercise as a way to prevent certain cancers. They and others have tried to spread that gospel to cancer survivors as well. Indeed, the cancer society has a certification program for fitness professionals who work with cancer survivors.

But until now, the group didn't think there was enough research to support a strong statement for cancer survivors.

Hastine Reese, a breast cancer survivor, says she began to exercise because her husband – not her doctor – pushed her. Besides being good for her health, he thought it might help pull her out of the depression that followed her diagnosis and double-mastectomy.

"When you're first diagnosed with cancer, you go into a dark place," said Reese, as she finished a one-hour exercise class this week at DeKalb Medical Center in Decatur, Ga.

Exercise has changed that. "I'm coming into the light, and it's getting brighter and brighter," she said.

Being overweight or obese has long been tied to an increased risk of several types of cancer, including cancers of the colon, esophagus, kidney, pancreas and – in postmenopausal women – breast. But there hadn't been much evidence on the effects of diet and exercise for people who had had cancer.

The last five years saw more than 100 studies involving cancer survivors, many of them showing that exercise and/or a healthy diet was associated with lower cancer recurrence rates and longer survival.

Most of the research was on breast, prostate and colorectal cancer. The evidence is more meager when it comes to other cancers, including the deadliest kind, lung cancer. Also, most of the work involved observational studies, which can't prove a cause and effect. Still, the volume of research was compelling.

"We've got enough data now to make these recommendations," said Colleen Doyle, the organization's director of nutrition and physical activity.

At least two other medical groups have strongly recommended exercise and healthier eating for cancer survivors, but the cancer society's new guidelines are expected to have much greater impact. It's the nation's largest cancer charity in both donations and the number of volunteers, and it funds more cancer research than any other non-governmental agency.

Drug-overdose antidote is put in addicts' hands

By DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

WEST BRIDGEWATER, Mass. — Steve Wohlen lay on his front lawn, blue, unconscious and barely breathing, overdosing on heroin.

His mother ran outside, frantically assembling a pen-like canister. Her heart pounding, she dropped to her knees and used the device to deliver two squirts up her son's nostrils.

Within minutes, his eyes opened, color returned to his face, and he sat up – brought back from a potentially lethal overdose by a drug commonly known by its old brand name, Narcan.

The drug, widely sold under its generic name, naloxone, counteracts the effects of heroin, OxyContin and other powerful painkillers and has been routinely used by ambulance crews and emergency rooms in the U.S. for decades. But in the past few years, public health officials across the nation have been distributing it free to addicts and their loved ones, as well as to some police and firefighters.

Such giveaways may have saved more than 10,000 lives since the first program was started in 1996 in Chicago, according to a survey by the Harm Reduction Coalition, a national group that works to reduce the consequences of drug use.

Opponents say that making the antidote so easily available is an accommodation to drug use that could make addicts less likely to seek treatment. The objections are not unlike those raised decades ago when addicts were first issued clean needles to curb the spread of AIDS. But Wohlen and his mother see things differently.

"I just didn't want to be that mother standing next to that casket," Linda Wohlen said.

Supporters of the distribution programs say getting naloxone into drug users' homes saves lives that might otherwise be lost waiting for an ambulance.

"The question has always been: How can we get people treated before they die? If an overdose of the drug is taken at home, you won't have enough time to get that patient to the emergency room before respiratory depression leads to death," said Dr. Russell Portenoy, chairman of pain medicine at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York.

The problem has become more urgent: Heroin overdose deaths in the U.S. nearly doubled over the last decade, from 1,725 in 1999 to 3,278 in 2009, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. During the same period, deadly overdoses from opiate-like drugs, including painkillers, have nearly quadrupled, from 4,030 to 15,597.

Births

Lakeland Regional Medical Center St. Joseph

Benton Harbor — Boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, Ilse and Jose Pedroza, 12:54 p.m. April 26.

Benton Harbor — Boy, 10 pounds, 2 ounces, Rachel Hoyt and Norman Rogers Jr., 1:39 p.m. April 26.

St. Joseph — Girl, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, Ashley Jones, 7:11 a.m. April 24.

Getting it straight

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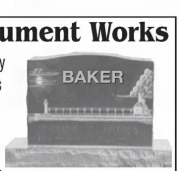

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Do you remember?

25 years ago

Cassopolis girls remain queens in the area Class C track kingdom. Coach Larry Rogers' Rangers easily won their fourth straight Watervliet Girls Relays title capturing four firsts while piling up 75 points. Buchanan and Edwardsburg tied for second with 53 and Bangor was fourth with 51 in the 10-team field. Team members include, Aretha Glover, Kelly Haithcox, Mary McNary and Deb Edwards. Glover was a quadruple winner in the meet, having a hand in all four of the Rangers' firsts.

35 years ago

Tim Ott and Cere Tabbert, students at Bridgman High School, were top award winners in the third annual area high school student art show sponsored by the St. Joseph Art Association. Students were presented awards in 21 categories. Works will be on display at the St. Joseph Art Center.

50 years ago

Thirty-five Lakeshore High School girls who aspire to become good secretaries were initiated as charter members of the newly formed Lakeshore Future Secretaries Association at installation ceremonies at the high school. The new group is sponsored by Fruitland chapter of the National Secretaries Association. Officers of the new group Miss Vickie Krivak, president; Miss Judy Boldt, vice president; Miss Janice Koebel, secretary; Miss Susan Foune, treasurer. Mrs. Doris Olson, chairman of the project, presented their gavel and congratulations.

Today in history

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, April 27, the 118th day of 2012. There are 248 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On April 27, 2011, powerful tornadoes raked the South and Midwest. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, more than 120 twisters resulted in 316 deaths across parts of Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia.

On this date:

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1865, the steamer Sultana exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tenn., killing more than 1,400 people, mostly freed Union prisoners of war.

In 1941, German forces occupied Athens during World War II.

In 1972, the Apollo 16 mission to the moon ended safely.

In 1973, Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned after it was revealed that he'd destroyed files removed from the safe of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

In 1982, the trial of John W. Hinckley Jr., who had shot four people, including President Ronald Reagan, began in Washington. (The trial ended with Hinckley's acquittal by reason of insanity.)

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Sunny	Few Showers	Showers Likely	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Scat'd T-storms
50°	38°	43° / 34°	53° / 38°	60° / 46°	65° / 51°

Local Outlook

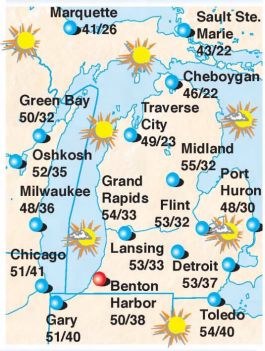
Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 50°, humidity of 43%. East wind 5 to 10 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 50% chance of showers, overnight low of 38°. East wind 10 mph. Saturday, skies will be cloudy with a 60% chance of showers.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise . . . . . 6:46 a.m.
Sunset . . . . . 8:41 p.m.
Moonrise . . . . . 11:22 a.m.
Moonset . . . . . 1:30 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
4/29	5/5	5/12	5/20

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor yesterday

Temperature

High . . . . . 51°
Low . . . . . 45°
Normal High . . . . . 60°
Normal Low . . . . . 40°
Record High . . . . . 88° in 1986
Record Low . . . . . 24° in 1997

Precipitation

Yesterday . . . . . 0.11"
Month to date . . . . . 1.98"
Normal month to date . . . 3.27"
Year to date . . . . . 6.80"
Normal year to date . . . . 9.70"

Air Quality

Yesterday 35
Main Offender . . . . . Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 . . . . . Good
51-100 . . . . . Moderate
101-150 . . . . . Sensitive
101-150 . . . . . Unhealthy

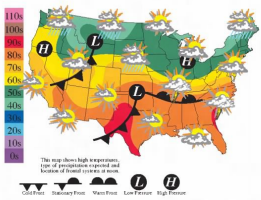
Weather Trivia

What are the horse latitudes?

Answer: They are areas where large high pressure centers keep winds very weak.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for April 27, 2012



Lake Michigan

Northeast winds 10 to 20 kt today. Waves 3 to 5 ft subsiding to 1 to 3 ft in the afternoon. Water temperature 51 degrees. East winds 10 to 20 kt tonight. Chance of rain. Waves 2 to 4 ft.

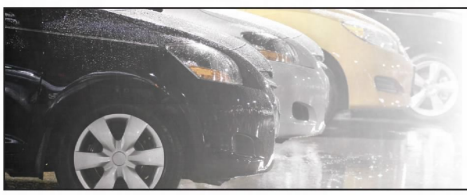
Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny. Expect sunny skies to continue Saturday. Sunday we will continue to see sunny skies. Skies will be mostly sunny Monday.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny. Saturday we will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered showers. Sunday, skies will be sunny. Skies will be mostly sunny Monday.



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April: Month of the young child

Don Campbell / H-P staff

Preschool children at Stump Early Childhood Center released 96 balloons Thursday in celebration of April, Month of the Young Child. Schools and communities across the state are focusing this month on the needs of young children and the early childhood programs that address those needs.

Police probing Lakeshore cafeteria scuffle

YouTube video shows fight between white and black female students

By WILLIAM F. AST III
H-P Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — Police and school officials are looking into a fight among a few female students in the Lakeshore High School cafeteria early Tuesday afternoon.

Lincoln Township Police Chief Dan Sullivan said he couldn't release any details because police are still investigating.

"Right now we're still interviewing," Sullivan said Thursday. "We're still conducting a criminal investigation. I anticipate sending a report to the (Berrien County) prosecutor by the end of the week."

Sullivan said police were called to the school around 1 p.m. on a report of a disturbance in the cafeteria. "The school personnel had gotten everything under control by the time we arrived," he added.

Lakeshore Superintendent Cynthia Vujea also said she couldn't provide many details at this time because police are investigating. State and federal laws also limit what officials can release, she said in a press release.

The students involved were suspended pending the outcome of the investigation and an expulsion hearing. Vujea said disciplinary action will reflect the district's policies and the facts of the case.

"There is no tolerance for bullying or violent behaviors of any kind at a Lakeshore public school," Vujea said in the press release. "These types of behaviors are not acceptable. ... We will cooperate fully with the local authorities, and we will conduct a district review of the actions of those involved."

A student using a cellphone camera took a video of at least part of the incident and posted it on YouTube. The two-minute video ends with a scuffle between a few black and white female students. It appears the brief fracas was quickly broken up by staff and other students.

As of late Thursday afternoon the video was no longer available. YouTube's website said the video "violated YouTube's terms of service."

"Here is how the racial tension has escalated at Lakeshore High School," stated an anonymous email to The Herald-Palladium, along with a link to the video's YouTube site.

The mother of one of the black students involved called The Herald-Palladium and said her daughter has been suspended. She said her daughter, a sophomore, may face further discipline, and four other students are facing disciplinary proceedings as well.

However, the mother, who asked that her name not be used, said her daughter was provoked. Black students and white students sit at separate tables in the cafeteria and sometimes harassment goes on, she said.

"When you go into the lunch room, it's like Selma, Alabama, in 1963," the woman said. "All the black kids are in one area, the white ones in another area."

The woman said her daughter has attended Lakeshore schools since fourth grade and has encountered a lot of racial slurs and insensitivity.

"They let this racism thing go on for so long," the woman said, adding she's afraid someday "it's going to get way out of hand. ... I know people don't like to talk about racism, it makes people's skin crawl, but you have to discuss it."

Lakeshore earlier this month announced that it is forming a 17-member Diversity Task Force to promote diversity in the district.

A high school English teacher in March was suspended for using "sordid" as a description of Benton Harbor on a vocabulary quiz, but the suspension was then rescinded. Vujea at the time said the incident was unrelated to the formation of the task force.

There was also an incident earlier in the school year in which someone painted racially offensive graffiti in a boys restroom at the high school.

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Factory could employ 200 to 400

By DEBRA HAIGHT
H-P Correspondent

Debra Haight photo

The former United Store Fixtures building, which has been vacant for several years, will house Pratt Tech Solutions division.

NILES — A Florida-based company said it is buying the old United Store Fixtures factory building on South Third Street in Niles Township and will add as many as 200 to 400 jobs in the next few years.

Pratt Industries already has facilities in Bridgman and Stevensville and plans to open up its Niles facility next year after building renovations are completed. The United Store Fixtures building was constructed in the 1990s and has been vacant for about five years. It is located south of Bell Road.

The company is based in Belleair Beach, Fla., and is in the intermodal transportation business, making trailers and other specialty types of oversized containers for a variety of industries. The Niles facility will focus on making product lines for transporting chemicals and agriculture products and for the oil and mining industries.

The word intermodal means that various means of transportation are used to get a product to market, said Shelley Klug, executive director of the Southwestern Michigan Economic Growth Alliance. For example, material is loaded into a trailer, the trailer is loaded onto a train and then the train delivers the trailer to a point where it is hooked up to a semi-tractor for the final leg of the journey.

The company said the Niles facility will house the company's Pratt Tech Solutions division and could employ between 200 and 400 people depending on market demands. Existing facilities in Bridgman and Stevensville employ 125 people and 20 people, respectively, with 20 additional jobs possibly coming to the Stevensville site on John Beers Road.

Local officials on Thursday greeted the news.

Niles Township Supervisor Jim Kidwell said he was happy to "have an empty industrial building brought back into service" with the promise of many new jobs. Niles Mayor Michael McCauslin said that investment anywhere in the Niles area helps the whole community.

"We've worked hard to get a manufacturer to move into that building and are glad to welcome Pratt Industries," Klug said. "They are a great company, and we look forward to seeing their progress and job creation."

Company owner Bill Pratt said he founded Pratt Industries with his father, Bob Pratt, a pioneer in the transportation industry. Over nearly 40 years the company has become a global leader in prototyping and product development in the intermodal industry and is known for developing light-weight, high-strength components in the worldwide market.

"Our mission is to support America by becoming self-reliant and stop relying on foreign oil," Pratt said.

Stevensville

Baseball/ softball park much improved

Opening day is Saturday for Lakeshore Youth Baseball Softball Association; special activities on tap

By H-P STAFF

STEVENSVILLE — The Lakeshore Youth Baseball Softball Association will hold opening day ceremonies Saturday, celebrating a park that's been greatly improved over the past few years.

"It should be really exciting out there with everything that's been done," said Russ Weaver, softball director for the association.

Weaver said the recent improvement projects are worth over a half-million dollars to the park, which is south of Lakeshore High School along Cleveland Avenue. They've included a paved parking lot, concrete pathways, landscaping and trees, another park pavilion, new bleachers, greatly improved field drainage and other improvements, he said.

"We've had all kinds of drainage put in," Weaver said Wednesday. "When it rains, like today, we could have pretty much played games on our fields tonight," though he added that one field would have been "out of commission."

The bulk of the improvement work was paid for through private donations, Weaver said. Some local businesses, such as Nature's Way Landscaping, also helped a lot, as did Lincoln Township, he said.

There will be a number of activities taking place Saturday, Weaver said. They include:

From 10:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.: "Mathnasium" table setup, LeValley car display for Chevrolet's national youth baseball program, music by Mark Derosier, Bouncey House, tattoos/games/candy, and concession specials; 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m., games; noon to 2 p.m., fire truck, police car and a visit by the South Bend Silverhawks mascot, Swoop; 1 p.m., American Legion flag ceremony, National Anthem by Avery Adams; 1-1:30 p.m., ceremony; 1:30-4 p.m., games resume.

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Extra fizz for Silver beach

In return for a concession stand contract, Pepsi pours in $50,000 for improvements to Silver Beach County Park

By SCOTT AIKEN
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ST. JOSEPH — As the new food concession operator at Silver Beach County Park, Anne Reitz said she wanted to bring a high level of service and commitment to the popular Lake Michigan attraction.

Reitz, who operates Caffe Tosi in St. Joseph, negotiated a contract with Pepsi with a provision for a $50,000 payment from the company for park improvements.

For her part, Reitz agreed to give Pepsi exclusive soft drink vending rights at the Silver Beach concession, which she is opening in May.

The money will be used as part of a local match for a $300,000 grant being sought by the county from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. But even if the grant request is turned down, Pepsi's commitment for funding will stand.

Dick Schinkel, chairman of the county Parks and Recreation Commission, the grant applicant, thanked Reitz for her efforts.

"This is incredible," he said.

The grant application requires that local money make up 25 percent of the project cost, and Reitz said she thought she could negotiate a partnership between Caffe Tosi, Pepsi and the county to bring match money to the table.

Pepsi has funding available for such things, she said.

"As I learned more about the plans for park improvements at Silver Beach" Reitz said, "I felt that entrepreneurs like myself need to help do our part to stimulate the economy any way we possibly can."

Every year from May through September, Silver Beach attracts more than 300,000 visitors.

With the $50,000 and another $50,000 in county funds, the Parks Commission has match funding to seek a $300,000 grant from the trust fund.

If approved, the grant would pay for a new pavilion, a dune trail with benches and overlooks leading to the south pier, additional parking spaces, playground improvements, outdoor showers and foot washes.

Also, the plans call for adding electric power pedestals for special events and for a restroom building at the north end of the park.

Reitz said area businesses must realize the economic benefits the park brings to the region.

"Silver Beach is a regional facility drawing hundreds of thousands of visitors, with their spending power, and these improvements ... will be good for Caffe Tosi and the Silver Beach concession business as well as other area businesses," she said.

Reitz was selected by the county from among five businesses that were considered to operate the food concession at Silver Beach starting this year.

The concession was operated for 10 years by Larry Schuler as Schu's on Silver Beach. Schuler notified the county in 2010 that he would not renew his concession agreement after the 2011 summer season.

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VAN BUREN COUNTY

VB hires Berrien to find homestead tax violators

By ROD SMITH
H-P Correspondent

PAW PAW — Berrien County will be Van Buren County's bloodhound when it comes to sniffing out phony homestead tax exemptions.

And Berrien will earn more than Milk Bones.

The Van Buren County Board of Commissioners agreed to hire Berrien for "principal residence exemption audits."

The audits are intended to find people who falsely claim their property as homesteads. A homestead is a person's primary residence, and it carries a tax rate of 18 mills, less than a nonhomestead property.

Four years ago Berrien County employed someone to conduct the audits, and the county uncovered 950 improperly classified parcels. Van Buren County Treasurer Karen Makay recommended that Van Buren hire Berrien because it has a system to find such property.

"We will get them the data that they need in order to review the exemptions," Makay told Van Buren commissioners Tuesday.

Misclassified property can be socked for interest of 1.25 percent per month for the previous three years. Of that interest, 70 percent would go to the two counties, Berrien getting 50 percent, Van Buren 20 percent.

If Van Buren doesn't do it, the state could step in and get all 70 percent.

The agreement is for three years.

In other matters, commissioners authorized the prosecutor to fill a vacant assistant prosecutor's position with a contract employee.

County Administrator Douglas Cultra said Prosecutor Juris Kaps wants to fill the vacancy created by Kaps' firing of Michael Bedford with a contracted attorney. The attorney, he said, would work 7.5 hours a day and can be terminated anytime.

Although he'll be paid as if he or she had 15 years seniority, the county will pay no benefits or retirement. Kaps has an experienced attorney in mind, Cultra said.

Cultra said the savings are about $32,000 this year.

"This is the best of both worlds," Cultra said.

Bedford had been an assistant prosecutor for 17 years. He said his December firing came after he attended a fundraiser for state Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker, with whom, he said, Kaps disagrees with. Since then Bedford has announced he plans to run for Kaps' position in the August Republican primary election.

Kaps has made no public statement on the matter.

Commissioners adopted the annual equalization report. Land Services Director Edward VanderVries reported that the taxable value of the county was almost $2.98 billion.

"Our taxable value actually went up 1.22 percent," VanderVries said.

However, a possible settlement in a tax dispute with New Covert Generating, a Covert-based natural gas power plant, may reduce that to about 1 percent.

The equalized valuation is $3.6 billion. Because the assessments are set at 50 percent of true cash value, if the county was sold as a unit it would fetch $7.2 billion.

WILD WAVES

Don Campbell / H-P staff

Waves from 20 mph plus winds crash into the St. Joseph North Pier Outer Lighthouse Thursday.

5 locations for prescription drug take-back day

By H–P Staff

BENTON HARBOR — In conjunction with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, the Berrien County Health Department announces that the five locations in Berrien County where unused or expired medications can be dropped off from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday are:

▶ Baroda Lake Township Police Department, 3169 W. Shawnee Road, Bridgman

▶ Benton Township Fire Department, 781 S. Crystal Avenue, Benton Harbor

▶ Berrien Springs Oronoko Township Police Department, 4411 E. Snow Road, Berrien Springs

▶ Buchanan Police Department, 107 W. Front St., Buchanan

▶ Michigan State Police Post 53, 1600 Silverbrook Avenue, Niles.

Prescription medications that are expired or no longer needed can be brought to one of the drop-off sites for free, with no questions asked.

Removing medications that are in blister packs would be helpful, although not required. Medications should also be removed from pill bottles, but if this is not possible, safety measures are in place to destroy all identifying information.

Liquids, syringes or needles are not able to be collected during this event. The public can bring these items to the next Berrien County Home Medical Waste Collection May 19.

For information, contact Berrien County Health Department's Substance Abuse Prevention program at 927-5668.

Berrien sets tire recycling

By H-P STAFF

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The Berrien County spring tire drop-off for recycling is set for May 3-4 at the county Road Commission, 2860 E. Napier Ave., organizers announced.

Unwanted tires may be brought in 3-7 p.m. May 3 and 8-11 a.m. May 4, according to Jill Adams, environmental specialist for Berrien County.

The annual program, sponsored by the county's Community Development Department, has collected 15,700 old tires for recycling since 2006, she said.

The tires are picked up by Deerpath Recyclers, Dowagiac, and made into new products.

Scrap tires can become breeding grounds for mosquitoes and rodents or end up littering roadsides and ditches. They can also take up valuable storage space.

The event is open to Berrien County residents but not businesses.

People planning to drop off tires are asked to enter the Road Commission property at the southernmost gate on Yore Avenue. Signs will be posted.

A fee of $1 per passenger car tire, $2 with a wheel rim, will be charged. The fee is $5 for a semi-tractor trailer tire and $10 each for oversize and loader tires

The fees partially pay for collection, transportation and processing of the tires, with the remainder paid for by the county Landfill Use Fund.

More information and a list of other tire recycling options is available at the county website, www.berrienencounty.org/recycle, click "tires," or by calling call 983-7111, Ext. 8234.

BENTON HARBOR

Community event to battle drunk driving

By JULIE SWIDWA
H-P Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Tina Miller of Benton Harbor, whose husband was killed by a drunk driver last year, is coordinating a community event she hopes will help bring awareness to the dangers of drinking and driving.

"A Community Gathering Strength" will include a carnival-type event from 5-8 p.m. May 12 at the Dwight P. Mitchell City Center Park on Main Street in Benton Harbor in memory of Carl Buck Miller, 45.

He died Aug. 14 after the motorcycle he was driving collided with a truck. Eric Horner of Edmore, Mich., was drunk when he turned his truck into the path of Miller's motorcycle on North Shore Drive in Benton Harbor. Miller died that day, and Horner went to prison in January.

Tina Miller said the event she's holding is intended to be "a day of healing, encouraging individuals to engage and shift towards the ideals of civic responsibility and citizen activism."

The event in the park will include motorcycle rides for children by members of the Kalamazoo chapter of the No. 1 Stunnas Motorsports Club, of which her husband was a member; and carnival activities. Miller said public safety officers will be there to help raise awareness concerning the perils of drinking and driving.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

A candlelight ceremony in memory of Carl Miller will start at 9 p.m. at Hidden Pointe, 1062 Nickerson Ave. That event, open to adults only, will run until 2 a.m. Dinner will be served. There is no charge but donations will be accepted.

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IN BRIEF

Lancers raising diabetes money

STEVENSVILLE — Students and staff at Lakeshore Middle School will hold a walk supporting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Al Stockman Stadium.

The students will raise money from families and friends, will sell wrist bands and will also have school activities for which they will make donations in order to participate.

People may donate online at: http://jdrfkidswalk.donordrive.com/event/lakeshoremiddleschool/.

Shamrock students planning exhibitions

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Berrien Springs High School will hold its second annual student exhibition night from 5:30-8 p.m. May 9.

The event that Wednesday, the second of several planned exhibitions, is aimed at letting students share what they have learned over the past school year with family, friends and the community.

People who want more information may contact Principal Dave Eichberg at 471-1748, or go online at www.homeoftheshamrocks.org.

Agency on Aging offers job workshops

ST. JOSEPH — Region IV Area Agency on Aging is offering free Job Club workshops May through July.

The sessions focus on low-income seniors age 50 and over and on adults with disabilities preparing to re-enter the work force in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties. Sessions will be May 10, May 17, June 7, June 21, June 28 and July 12.

The Job Club workshops will be at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center, Upton Hall entrance, 9-11 a.m. Thursdays, and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Van Buren Conference Center, 490 S. Paw Paw St. in Lawrence.

Topics include resume writing, networking, electronic applications and interviewing skills. The workshops are open to anyone, regardless of age. Advance reservations can be made but are not necessary. To make a reservation or to get more information, call 925-6767 and ask for the Job Club extension.

Deadline near for rummage sale

DOWAGIAC — Dowagiac-area residents can register by May 7 to sell goods through the fourth annual Community-Wide Garage Sale Weekend May 25-26, the Greater Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce announced.

The Chamber and Downtown Development Authority are accepting registrations at offices in the train depot. For $8, registered sites are listed in the Buyer's Guide & Map, and advertisements will be bought from area newspapers.

Last year's event featured about 75 sites in the Dowagiac-Sister Lakes area, the Chamber reported. Merchants will have sales to coincide with the event.

People who want more information may call the chamber at 782-8212.

Here's Bill

DOWAGIAC

Lecture Wednesday on German POWs in SW Michigan

By H-P STAFF

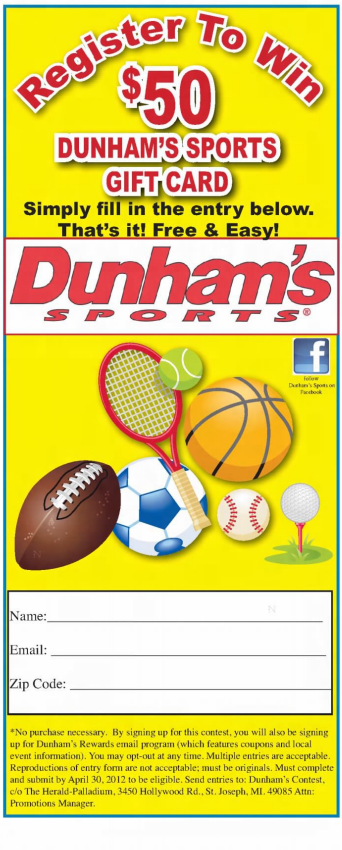
DOWAGIAC — There will be a program titled "German Prisoners on Southwest Michigan Farms" at the Museum at Southwestern Michigan College at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Howard Poole will discuss the farm labor shortages during World War II and the solution – German prisoners of war working on area farms and farm-related businesses. This presentation will cover the efforts by the government to place German prisoners on local farms and describe their confinement, work conditions and later release.

Poole will also discuss recently uncovered information about a Japanese internment camp in Decatur. Poole, who lives in Sister Lakes, was formerly with Western Michigan University.

The lecture will be held in the Upton Educational Center at the museum. There is no admission charge, and light refreshments will be served afterwards.

The Museum at SMC is on the college's Dowagiac campus. People who want more information may call 782-1374.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Chrysler posts best quarterly profit in 13 years

By TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

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Chrysler reported a net profit of $473 million, its best quarter in 13 years, mainly on the back of strong U.S. sales. From January through March 2012, Chrysler's sales were up 39 percent.

DETROIT — Chrysler had its best quarterly profit in 13 years. Not bad for a company that almost died three years ago.

The company earned $473 million in the first quarter, mainly from strong U.S. sales, which rose 39 percent from January through March. Customers snapped up Ram pickups, Jeep Grand Cherokee SUVs and Chrysler 200 sedans.

The profit was more than four times what Chrysler made a year earlier. And it was the best performance since the third quarter of 1998 when Chrysler earned $682 million during the pickup truck and SUV boom.

"I have no bad news to tell you," Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne said Thursday, adding that trends for the rest of year look positive.

Prices also were higher for Chrysler vehicles. Each vehicle sold for an average of $29,234 in the U.S., up almost 5 percent over last year, according to the TrueCar.com auto pricing website. When sales and prices rise, that boosts revenue and profit, although Chrysler doesn't reveal its profit margins.

Revenue for the quarter rose 25 percent to $16.4 billion.

It's a big change from 2009. The recession, which devastated auto sales, brought the company to the brink of financial ruin. Chrysler and its financing arm needed $12.5 billion from U.S. taxpayers to survive. When a government auto task force deadlocked on whether to save the collapsing company, the tie was broken by President Barack Obama.

Then things turned around. Chrysler got the bailout, cut costs in bankruptcy and saw sales improve along with the economy. The company went into overdrive to revamp 16 models, making them more appealing to car buyers. The results have paid off. Sales have increased steadily through 2011 and into 2012.

Chrysler is optimistic about the coming year, repeating a forecast that it would make $1.5 billion in 2012. Total car and truck sales in the U.S. are running at an annual rate of 14 million so far. That would be a healthy increase over last year's 12.8 million. The average age of vehicles on roads is nearing 11 years, and pent-up demand is helping sales. Chrysler should share in the growth. Last year it raised its U.S. market share to 11.5 percent, from 9.4 percent a year earlier.

Chrysler also is about to launch the new Dodge Dart, its first decent compact car since the bug-eyed Neon in the mid-1990s. A refreshed version of the Ram pickup, its top-selling vehicle, is coming later in the year. Marchionne said the Dart takes Chrysler into a market where it hasn't had a presence in a long time.

Samsung Electronics reports record profit

By YOUKYUNG LEE
AP Technology Writer

SEOUL, South Korea — Samsung Electronics Co., the world's largest consumer electronics firm by revenues, on Friday reported a record-high profit as strong smartphone sales helped mask a drop in semiconductor and TV profit.

Net profit amounted to 5.05 trillion won ($4.46 billion) for the fiscal quarter ending March 31, compared with 2.78 trillion won a year earlier.

Samsung's quarterly operating profit also came in at record high: 5.85 trillion won, in line with the company's guidance provided earlier this month. The operating income doubled from a year earlier.

Sales rose 22 percent from a year earlier to 45.3 trillion won.

Samsung, the world's second-largest handset maker after Nokia Corp., credited its mobile communication business that makes the Galaxy series of smartphones for driving the blowout result.

More than 70 percent of the company's operating income came from its mobile business, which raked in 4.27 trillion won in the first quarter, Samsung said. Samsung narrowly beat Apple in last year's smartphone shipments and analysts estimated its smartphone sales during the January-March period exceeded Apple's iPhone sales by a large margin.

The Suwon, Korea-based company expects its profit to further gain in coming months.

"We cautiously expect our earnings momentum to continue going forward, as competitiveness in our major businesses is enhanced," Robert Yi, head of Samsung's investor relations, said in a statement.

Government backs off new limits on child labor on farms

By SAM HANANEL
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Under heavy pressure from farm groups, the Obama administration is dropping an effort to prevent children from doing hazardous work on farms owned by anyone other than their parents.

The Labor Department says it is withdrawing proposed rules that would ban children younger than 16 from using most power-driven equipment. The rules also would prevent those younger than 18 from working in feed lots, grain bins and stockyards.

The agency says thousands of comments have expressed concern about the impact of the changes on small family-owned farms. Many farm groups have complained that the rules would upset traditions in which children often work alongside relatives other than parents to learn how a farm operates.

Government officials have said their goal was to protect children from life-threatening injuries.

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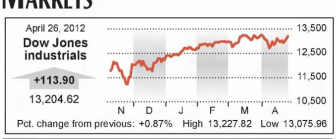

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Sows ..... $44 to 51
Boars ..... $16 to 38
Yesterday's hog prices per hundredweight from the Michigan Livestock Exchange, Cassopolis branch.

House OKs cybersecurity bill despite veto threat

By DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House ignored Obama administration objections Thursday and approved legislation aimed at helping stop electronic attacks on critical U.S. infrastructure and private companies.

On a bipartisan vote of 248-168, the GOP-controlled House backed the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act, which would encourage companies and the federal government to share information collected on the Internet to prevent electronic attacks from cybercriminals, foreign governments and terrorists.

"This is the last bastion of things we need to do to protect this country," Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said after more than five hours of debate.

More than 10 years after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, proponents cast the bill as an initial step to deal with an evolving threat of the Internet age. The information sharing would be voluntary to avoid imposing new regulations on businesses, an imperative for Republicans.

The legislation would allow the government to relay cyber threat information to a company to prevent attacks from Russia or China. In the private sector, corporations could alert the government and provide data that could stop an attack intended to disrupt the country's water supply or take down the banking system.

The Obama administration has threatened a veto of the House bill, preferring a Senate measure that would give the Homeland Security Department the primary role in overseeing domestic cybersecurity and the authority to set security standards. That Senate bill remains stalled.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said the administration's approach was misguided.

"The White House believes the government ought to control the Internet, government ought to set standards and government ought to take care of everything that's needed for cybersecurity," Boehner told reporters at his weekly news conference. "They're in a camp all by themselves."

Faced with widespread privacy concerns, Rogers and Rep. C.A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger of Maryland, the Intelligence panel's top Democrat, pulled together an amendment that limits the government's use of threat information to five specific purposes: cybersecurity; investigation and prosecution of cybersecurity crimes; protection of individuals from death or serious bodily harm; protection of minors from child pornography; and the protection of national security.

The House passed the amendment, 410-3.

The White House, along with a coalition of liberal and conservative groups and some lawmakers, strongly opposed the measure, complaining that Americans' privacy could be violated. They argued that companies could share an employee's personal information with the government, data that could end up in the hands of officials from the National Security Agency or the Defense Department. They also challenged the bill's liability waiver for private companies that disclose information, complaining that it was too broad.

Kindle Fire helps Amazon beat 1Q estimates

By RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Amazon.com Inc. posted first-quarter profits Thursday that blew by analysts' estimates and boosted the company's stock in extended trading. The online commerce giant said its Kindle Fire tablet computer was its best-selling item and helped lift revenue from digital movies and books.

Amazon chief financial officer Tom Szkutak told analysts that media sales are up, particularly in North America, thanks in part to the Kindle Fire, which is sold exclusively in the U.S. "Customers are buying a lot of content," he said. "You're seeing that accelerate."

Amazon's surprisingly good January-March quarter – which helped drive its stock up 14 percent in after-market trading – came on the heels of a report from market tracker comScore Inc. that said the Kindle Fire had grabbed more than half of the U.S. market for Android-based tablet computers in February, just months after its Nov. 15 launch.

For the company as a whole, net income declined to $130 million, or 28 cents per share, from $201 million, or 44 cents per share a year ago. That was still better than the 6 cents per share of profit expected by analysts polled by FactSet.

Szkutak said the decline in profits was due to continuing investments the company has made in fulfillment centers, Web services infrastructure and video content rights.

"The good news is we have a lot of opportunity to invest and invent on behalf of customers," he said. "That's what we're doing. It is impacting our bottom line results."

Revenue grew 34 percent to $13.18 billion, also beating the $12.91 billion analysts expected.

North American media sales, which include sales of DVDs, CDs and video streams, grew 17 percent to $2.2 billion. The growth rate was more than twice as fast as the 8 percent year-over-year gain posted in the quarter through December. That quarter was hurt by sluggish video game purchases.

Amazon's first-quarter performance "basically put the company back on track" in media sales growth, said Susquehanna analyst Herman Leung, who said the sluggish fourth quarter had "spooked" some investors.

The company said it expects revenue in the current quarter to grow between 20 percent and 34 percent, or to between $11.9 billion and $13.3 billion, which includes the negative impact of foreign exchange movements.

Before Amazon released its outlook for the current quarter, analysts had expected second quarter revenue of $12.8 billion. That was higher than the midpoint of Amazon's forecast of $12.6 billion.

Amazon's stock rose $28.01, or 14.3 percent, to $224 in extended trading after the release of results.

'Raven' a rehash of serial-killer thrillers

It is widely known that on Oct. 3, 1849, Edgar Allan Poe was found wandering the streets of Baltimore, raving and incoherent. He died on Oct. 7. He was 40. His death was about as much of a surprise as the passing of such modern icons as Kurt Cobain and Amy Winehouse. Poe was an acute alcoholic, particularly fond of the notorious spirit absinthe. He also used opium and who knows what other substances, and as a man supported only by his writings, may have been badly nourished. This is a lifestyle known to lend itself to incoherent wanderings.

Roger Ebert

"The Raven," a feverish costume thriller, attempts to explain Poe's death by cobbling together spare parts from thrillers about serial killers. It should not be mistaken for a movie about Edgar Allan Poe, although to be sure he buys a drink for a man in a tavern who is able to complete this line of poetry: "Quoth the Raven ..." When I heard that John Cusack had been cast for this film, it sounded like good news: I could imagine him as Poe, tortured and brilliant, lashing out at a cruel world. But that isn't the historical Poe the movie has in mind. It is a melodramatic Poe, calling for the gifts of Nicolas Cage.

The film opens with Poe on a Baltimore park bench, beneath a tree limb holding a large, malevolent raven. Mad magazine would know what to do with that image. Then it flashes back to Poe, broke and in serious need of a drink, bursting into a tavern and expecting to drink on credit. He boasts of his fame, issues the "Raven"-quoting challenge, and immediately establishes himself as a disappointment to those who find Poe a complex and fascinating man.

'The Raven'

★★

Starring: John Cusack, Luke Evans, Alice Eve, Brendan Gleeson, Oliver Jackson Cohen, Kevin McNally, Sam Hazeldine, John Warnaby

Directed by: James McTeigue

Written by: Hannah Shakespeare and Ben Livingston

Running time: 111 minutes

Rated: R
(for bloody violence and grisly images)

We quickly meet one of his editors, Henry Maddox (Kevin McNally), editor of a trashy Baltimore tabloid, who orders Poe to return to the lurid horror tales he's famous for, instead of his more introspective recent stuff. Poe soon finds the inspiration for macabre material.

Two women are discovered murdered in a locked room. Emmett Fields (Luke Evans), the detective

Relativity Media photo

John Cusack portrays Edgar Allan Poe in the Gothic thriller "The Raven."

on the case, discovers that the killer must have escaped in the same way used in Poe's "The Murders in the Rue Morgue." The killer in that tale was an orangutan, but never mind: Poe becomes a suspect. Shorty after, a man is discovered sliced in two in the manner used in Poe's "The Pit and the Pendulum."

Now Poe and Fields find themselves working in tandem, since the killer is apparently a man willing to go to a lot of trouble to draw attention to the works of Poe. A rich young woman named Emily (Alice Eve) is kidnapped, and ransom notes demand that Poe write an account of their investigation for Henry Maddox's scandal sheet. "The Raven" now indulges in a plot that will remind you of any number of serial killer movies, in which we're expected to believe that a madman goes to astonishing trouble while killing a lot of people simply to devise an elegant puzzle for the hero to solve. This can work nicely, as in "Se7en," but in "The Raven" it is all concoction, a device to link Edgar Allan Poe with modern serial killer formulas and shovel in a great deal of special effects violence.

The movie seems almost as long as the engagement

By MOIRA MacDONALD
The Seattle Times

Nicholas Stoller's romantic comedy "The Five-Year Engagement" is one of those movies that you badly want to like much more than you actually do.

It stars Jason Segel, that puppy-eyed Muppet of a man, and the always-enchanting Emily Blunt as Tom and Violet, an engaged couple who seem believably and happily in love. It lets us spend two hours in the company of two characters we genuinely like and root for. And, just to tip things over the edge, it features a scene in which Blunt and Alison Brie (as Violet's sister Suzie) have a meaningful conversation while impersonating Cookie Monster and Elmo. (I've never really thought of a cookie as a metaphor for marriage, but it works.)

Glen Wilson photo

Violet (Emily Blunt) and Tom (Jason Segel) keep getting tripped up on the long walk down the aisle in "The Five-Year Engagement," co-written by Segel and director Nicholas Stoller.

This should be more than enough adorableness for one movie, no? Unfortunately, "The Five-Year Engagement" squanders its charms by dragging out Tom and Violet's happy ending for what seems like much longer than five years. (Why does every movie breathed upon by Judd Apatow – he's a producer here – feel too long?)

'The Five-Year Engagement'

★★½

Starring: Jason Segel, Emily Blunt, Rhys Ifans, Chris Pratt, Alison Brie

Directed by: Nicholas Stoller

Written by: Nicholas Stoller and Jason Segel

Running time: 124 minutes

Rated: R
(for sexual content and language)

Its first 10 minutes (the proposal) and its last 10 minutes (you can guess) are perfect; but what's in between feels stretched-out and contrived, as Tom and Violet move to another city, deal with depression, meet other people, cope with their careers (he's a chef, she's a grad student in social psychology) and experiment with different hairstyles.

Funny actors pop up in supporting roles – Chris Parnell, Mindy Kaling, Rhys Ifans – but the movie never seems to be going anywhere in particular, just jumping over required hurdles to get to the faraway finish line. It's refreshing to see a rom-com focusing on a grown-up relationship rather than gross-out jokes, but you just want to tell these two nice people to get married already – we can tell that these two are meant to live happily ever after.

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Tigers now struggling after strong start

Detroit swept by Mariners; Inge released after game

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Tigers' spectacular start is almost entirely forgotten.

Chone Figgins hit a two-out, tiebreaking double in the seventh inning that was misjudged by right fielder Brennan Boesch, and Seattle completed a three-game sweep of the Tigers with a 5-4 victory Thursday.

Seattle 5 Detroit 4

Miguel Cabrera hit his sixth home run for the Tigers, who have lost six of seven after a 9-3 start.

"We're not getting big hits late in the game. We're not making some plays, we're not pitching real good, we're not managing good enough, we're not coaching good enough," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. "We're all involved in this together, that's just the way it is. You just gotta get aggressive and take charge and get after somebody."

The Tigers also released veteran Brandon Inge after the game.

"It's one of those things you can kind of see how things are going before they come. But it's no hard feelings whatsoever," said Inge, who was hitting .100 with a home run and 2 RBI. "This is my family, this is where I've been my whole career. I'll miss the guys, I will. But I have a chance to go play maybe somewhere else."

Detroit also called up first baseman Brad Eldred from Triple-A Toledo

"We had some discussions today and we just feel at this point we're trying to add some offense," Detroit general manager Dave Dombrowski said. "Eldred's been hot as can be. And it's a situation where we're going to try to make a move to get him on the ballclub and see if he can give us a little offense, primarily from the DH position."

Eldred was hitting .388 in Toledo with 13 home runs and 35 RBI in just 20 games.

Detroit is responsible for the $4,808,743 remaining

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Paul Sancya / AP

Seattle first baseman Justin Smoak tags Detroit's Jhonny Peralta after a sacrifice bunt in the ninth inning of Thursday's game.

Frank Franklin II / AP

Andrew Luck poses for photographs with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell after he was selected as the first pick overall by the Indianapolis Colts in the first round of the NFL draft Thursday.

Tough act to follow

Colts draft Andrew Luck to replace Peyton Manning

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK — Six weeks after saying goodbye to Peyton Manning, the Indianapolis Colts handed Andrew Luck a blue and white jersey and the daunting task of leading a rebuilding team as its quarterback for the next decade.

Luck couldn't have chosen a tougher act to follow — all Manning did was win an unprecedented four MVP awards and a Super Bowl for Indy. But many believe he is the most NFL-ready passer to enter the league since Manning went No. 1 overall in 1998.

"You don't really replace a guy like that," Luck said. "You can't. You just try to do the best you can. Obviously, he was my hero growing up."

His selection as the top pick was hardly a surprise. The Colts informed the Stanford quarterback last week that Commissioner Roger Goodell would announce his name first Thursday night. Right behind him was Baylor QB Robert Griffin III, the Heisman Trophy winner, who was taken second overall by the Washington Redskins. No suspense attached to that pick, either.

After being loudly booed at the outset, Goodell told a raucous crowd at Radio City Music Hall that "the season begins tonight, so let's kick if off." Then he did, congratulating Luck while the crowd chanted "RG3, RG3."

Luck left the stage and slapped hands with some fans in Colts shirts and headed to the interview room.

To get Griffin, Washington dealt a second-round pick this year and its first-rounders in 2013 and '14 to St. Louis to move up four spots

Dressed in a light blue suit that didn't quite mesh with Redskins burgundy and gold, Griffin had some trouble getting the team hat over his braids and ended up wearing it just a tad crooked while he flashed big smiles for photos.

Less than an hour before Goodell began the draft, Cleveland and Minnesota pulled off another trade in what would become a virtual swap shop. The Browns moved up just one spot, from fourth to third, to ensure getting running back Trent Richardson of national champion Alabama. Minnesota received picks in the fourth, fifth and seventh rounds and still was in position to get one of the elite prospects in this draft.

Like Griffin, Richardson was treated with lusty cheers from the crowd. Unlike Griffin, he had less trouble placing the Cleveland hat over his impressive dreads.

Minnesota then took Southern California offensive tackle Matt Kalil, whom the Vikings were expected to take at No. 3 anyway.

Luck's good fortune put him in a similar position to Stanford predecessors Jim Plunkett, who won two Super Bowls for the Raiders, and John Elway, who led Denver to two NFL titles.

He is the fourth consecutive quarterback chosen first and 12th in the last 15 years, dating back to Manning.

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AREA SOCCER

Women's soccer league looking for players

By H-P STAFF

The Southwest Michigan Women's Soccer League is looking for players of all experience and skill levels for its first season.

The league is open to women ages 18 and up, with no maximum age.

Practices will be held beginning this week from 6-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Wissing Lane Park in St. Joseph. There is no charge for practices. Instructors and guides will be at each session to help players improve their skills before games begin in May. Players should bring water, shin guards, shoes and a size 5 soccer ball to practices.

Players will be divided into teams of seven, allowing them to get more touches of the ball and improve faster. An all-star team of 18 players will be created to play in tournaments.

All players will be registered under Michigan Soccer Association rules and will be members of the United States Adult Soccer Association, the United States Soccer Federation and FIFA.

The league is run by Debra Trapikas, the regional national cups commissioner for the USASA. Trapikas has been a coach, team manager, referee and player and was inducted into the USASA Hall of Fame in 2008.

For more information, contact Trapikas at 429-5468.

Bears draft Boise State DE Shea McClellin

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — The Chicago Bears selected Boise State defensive end Shea McClellin Thursday with the 19th pick in the draft, their first under new general manager Phil Emery.

The Bears wasted no time addressing a need on defense after concentrating more on other areas in free agency and trades, including the blockbuster deal that brought Pro Bowl receiver Brandon Marshall from Miami.

Fans were eager to see what Emery would do in the draft, and he started by going with a player who led Boise State with seven sacks last season and ranked sixth in school history with 20 1/2 in his career.

There were a number of ways for the Bears to go in the draft, with issues on both lines, a need for a young linebacker and holes at receiver even with Marshall in the mix. That Chicago went for a defensive end was hardly a surprise given its issues up front.

The Bears tied for 19th last season with 33 sacks but were 28th against the pass in part because of a lack of pressure, and with McClellin in the mix, maybe the load will be lightened a little on Julius Peppers. Teams still figure to key on him, but with someone else possibly causing some havoc, he might not see quite as many double teams.

The draft is just the latest task in what's been a busy offseason for the Bears.

They made sweeping changes following an 8-8 finish, an overhaul that few would have predicted with Chicago sailing along at

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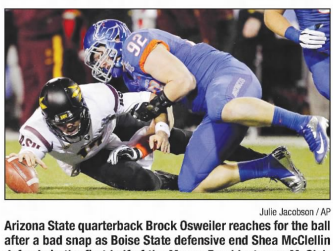

Julie Jacobson / AP

Arizona State quarterback Brock Osweiler reaches for the ball after a bad snap as Boise State defensive end Shea McClellin defends in the first half of the Maaco Bowl last year. McClellin was selected 19th overall by the Chicago Bears in the first round of the NFL draft.

In brief

U-M safety Furman found not guilty

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — An Ann Arbor judge has found Michigan football player Josh Furman not guilty of domestic violence, assault and battery and illegal entry during a confrontation at an apartment.

AnnArbor.com reports that District Court Judge Elizabeth Pollard Hines said it was not completely clear to her that the sophomore safety's actions were criminal.

Furman was accused of assaulting an ex-girlfriend and another woman on Feb. 11 as he tried to get to a man he said was sending text-messages to him about the former girlfriend.

The women testified earlier this week that they were trying to hold Furman back.

Furman is suspended from the team. Furman's attorney believes he will be reinstated.

Head coach Brady Hoke says Furman's status with the team "is still being evaluated at this time."

Suspending Pro Bowl an option for NFL

NEW YORK (AP) — Have NFL fans seen the last of the Pro Bowl?

The game could be suspended next year, two people familiar with discussions said Thursday.

Commissioner Roger Goodell, among others, expressed concerns about the quality of play after January's game, and the league has been holding talks with the players' union about the future of the all-star game. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because the talks were not being publicized.

Responding to an ESPN report that Goodell is "strongly considering" suspending the game in 2013, NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said: "No determination has been made yet."

Goodell said before the Super Bowl in February he was unhappy with what he saw in the AFC's 59-41 win in the Pro Bowl at Honolulu — a game that often resembled touch football.

Airwaves

Television today

9:00 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Ballantine's Championship, Second Round. From South Korea. (Same-day Tape)
12:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Lacrosse** Notre Dame at Northwestern. (Taped)
(Speed) **NASCAR Racing** Sprint Cup: Matthew and Daniel Hansen 400, Practice. From Richmond International Raceway, Va. (Live)
12:30 p.m. (Golf) **LPGA Tour Golf** Mobile Bay Classic, Second Round. From Mobile, Ala. (Live)
2:30 p.m. (Speed) **NASCAR Racing** Sprint Cup: Matthew and Daniel Hansen 400, Final Practice. From Richmond International Raceway, Va. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Second Round. From Avondale, La. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **NASCAR Racing** Nationwide Series: Richmond 250, Qualifying. From Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va. (Live)
5:30 p.m. (Speed) **NASCAR Racing** Sprint Cup: Richmond 400, Qualifying. From Richmond International Raceway, Va. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Baseball** Indiana at Michigan. (Live)
(Csnch) **MLB Baseball** Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia Phillies. (Live)
(FoxSports) **MLB Baseball** Detroit Tigers at New York Yankees. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Playoffs, Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (ESPN2) **NASCAR Racing** Nationwide Series: Richmond 250. From Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va. (Live)
9:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Playoffs, Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live)
10:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **Boxing** Denis Grachev vs. Ismayl Sillakh. From Austin, Texas. (Live) CC
11:00 p.m. (Showtime) **Boxing** Thomas Oosthuizen vs. Marcus Johnson. Oosthuizen battles Johnson for the IBO super middleweight title. (Live)

Saturday

9:00 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Ballantine's Championship, Third Round. From South Korea. (Same-day Tape)
9:55 a.m. (ESPN2) **English Premier League Soccer** Stoke City vs. Arsenal. (Live)
1:00 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **Track and Field** USA vs. The World at the Penn Relays. From Philadelphia. (Live)
(17) **MLB Baseball** Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at Cleveland Indians. (Live)
(28) (32) **MLB Baseball** Milwaukee Brewers at St. Louis Cardinals. (Live)
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Third Round. From Avondale, La. (Live)
(TNT) **NBA Basketball** Playoffs, First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) CC
1:30 p.m. (Csnch) **College Softball** Texas A&M at Texas. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **Bull Riding** PBR Built Ford Tough Series: Mohican Sun. From Uncasville, Conn. (Taped) CC
2:30 p.m. (Speed) **Lucas Oil Off Road Racing** Firebird. Pro4 and Buggies from Firebird International Raceway.
3:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **PGA Tour Golf** Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Third Round. (Live) CC
(5) (8) (16) **NHL Hockey** Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) CC
(7) (13) (26) (41) (57) **NBA Basketball** First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) CC
(Golf) **LPGA Tour Golf** Mobile Bay Classic, Third Round. From Mobile, Ala. (Live)
3:30 p.m. (Bigten) **College Softball** Illinois at Michigan. Game 1 of a doubleheader. (Live)
(NBCSports) **MLS Soccer** New England Revolution at New York Red Bulls. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (FoxSports) **MLB Baseball** Detroit Tigers at New York Yankees. (Live)
5:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **NHRA Drag Racing** O'Reilly Auto Parts Spring Nationals, Qualifying. From Baytown, Texas. CC
6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Softball** Illinois at Michigan. Game 2 of a doubleheader. (Live)
(NBCSports) **IndyCar Racing** Sao Paulo Indy 300, Qualifying. From Sao Paulo, Brazil. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (9R) (9C) **MLB Baseball** Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia Phillies. (Live) CC
(17) (28) (32) **NASCAR Racing** Sprint Cup: Richmond 400. From Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va. (Live) CC
(Csnch) **MLB Baseball** Boston Red Sox at Chicago White Sox. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Playoffs, Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Playoffs, First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) CC
10:15 p.m. (HBO) **Boxing** Chad Dawson vs. Bernard Hopkins, Light Heavyweights. (Live) CC
10:30 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Playoffs, First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) CC

Radio today

7 p.m.
MLB — Tigers at Yankees (WCSY-FM, 103.7 and WSJM-AM, 1400)
MLB — Cubs at Phillies (WGN-AM, 720)
8 p.m.
MLB — Red Sox at White Sox (WSCR-AM, 670)

Saturday

1:30 p.m.
MLB — Cubs at Phillies (WGN-AM, 720)
4 p.m.
MLB — Tigers at Yankees (WCSY-FM, 103.7 and WSJM-AM, 1400)
7 p.m.
MLB — Red Sox at White Sox (WSCR-AM, 670)

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High school scoreboard

Softball

First game
Lawton 14, Watervliet 3
Lawton 022 640 0 — 14 12 4
Watervliet 001 020 0 — 3 3 14
WP — Erika Whittington 5IP, 4k's; LP — Lauren Richardson 5k's.
Top hitters — Lawton: Alyssa Barkovich 2 1b, Jenna Maury 1b, RBI; Erika Whittington 2 1b, 2 3b, 3 RBIs; Mikayla Rogers 2 1b, RBI; Amanda Christner 2 1b, RBI; Allison Havera 2b, 2 RBIs. Watervliet: Miranda Abel 2b, RBI; Lauren Richardson 1b, RBI.

Second game
Lawton 13, Watervliet 3
Lawton 301 540 0 — 13 7 3
Watervliet 003 000 0 — 3 7 6
WP — Whittington. LP — Richardson.
Top hitters — Lawton: Whittington 1b, 3b, RBI; Mikayla Rogers 1b, 4 RBIs; Christner 1b, 3 RBIs. Watervliet: Danielle Smith 2 1b, 2b; Morgan Johnson 2 1b, RBI; Madison Marvin 2b, 2 RBIs.

First game
Grace Christian 3, Kalamazoo Home School 2
KHS 001 010 0 — 2 6 2
Grace 020 100 x — 3 6 0
WP — Kelsey Smith 7IP, 4k's. LP — K. Ybema 7IP, 6k's.
Top hitters — KHS: Schubkegal 2 1b, 3b; Hendrickson 1b, RBI; Grace: Megan Jewell 2 1b, RBI; Bethany Price 2b; Sarah Eggebrecht 2 1b.

Second game
Grace Christian 6, Kalamazoo Home School 5
KHS 040 01— 5 2 3
Grace 301 02— 6 6 1
WP — Kelsey Smith. LP — Hendrickson.
Top hitters — KHS: 1b, RBI, K. Ybema 1b, RBI; Grace: Kristin Rumer 1b, 2b, 3b RBI; K. Smith 2 1b, 3 RBIs.
Records — Grace: 7-3, 3-1, 1-1.

River Valley 4, LaLumiere 3
LaLumiere 000 102 0 — 3 4 3
River Valley101 002 x — 4 8 0
WP — Nicole Zabel 13 k's, LP — Slichar
Top hitters — Lalumiere: Silchar 2b; Murray 1b, RBI; Coffeen RBI; Costello 1b, RBI; River Valley: Jessica Forker 2b, 2 RBIs; Erika Smith 3 1b.

Gobles 13, Bangor 2
Gobles 402 70 — 13 5 0
Bangor 000 20 — 2 2 3
WP — Hunt 9k's; LP — Thorbjornsen.
Top hitters — Gobles: Gildea 2b, Hunt 2b, Walker 2b. Bangor: Weber 2b.

First game
South Haven 9, Gull Lake 0
South Haven020 430 0 — 9 17 2
Gull Lake 000 000 0 — 0 2 3
WP — Alyssa Eastman 11 k's. LP — Courtney Senkewitz.
Top hitters — South Haven: Mariah Boss 3 1b; Alyssa Eastman 3 1b, HR, 5 RBIs; Marlee Wilson 3 1b, 2 RBIs; Meghan Hojara 2 1b; Sarah Washegesic 1b, 2b.

Second game
South Haven 11, Gull Lake 3
South Haven221 130 2 — 11 18 2
Gull Lake 010 001 1 — 3 4 2
WP — Eastman 9k's. LP — Erika Olsen.
Top hitters — South Haven: Boss 3 1b, 2b, RBI; Eastman 1b, RBI. Wilson 4 11b, 4 RBIs; Hojara 2 1b, 2b 3 RBIs; Jordan Spears 2 1b; Kelly DuCharme 1b, 2b, RBI. Gull Lake: Christina Avery 3b; Olsen 1b; Cortney Mast HR.

First game
Decatur 2, Hartford 1
Hartford 010 000 0 — 1 4 0
Decatur 000 020 x — 2 5 0
WP — unknown. LP — Weberg 8 k's.
Top hitters — Hartford: Brianna Edmonds 1b, 2b.

Second game
Hartford 7, Decatur 0
Hartford 004 010 2 — 7 11 2 1
Decatur 000 000 0 — 0 7 3
WP — Hannah Thornton 10k's.
Top hitters — Hartford: McKenzie Knight 2 1b; Brooke Edmonds 3 1b; Brianna Edmonds 1b, 2b; Hannah Thornton 2 2b, 2 RBIS; Ashley Clark 3 RBIs.

First game
Marcellus 5, Lawrence 0
Marcellus 102 100 1 — 5 5 1
Lawrence 000 000 0 — 0 4 1
WP — M. Terrill 13k's. LP — Ashley Butler.
Top hitters — Marcellus: C. Huntline 1b, 3 RBIs; R. Robinson 1b, RBI; R. Hostetter 2b; C. Hartline RBI; H. Wright RBI. Lawrence: Krissa Ledesma 2 1b.

Second game
Marcellus 15, Lawrence 0
Marcellus 060 270— 15 16 0
Lawrence 000 000— 0 2 7
WP — Terrill 11k's. LP — Kayla Matheny.
Top hitters — Marcellus: I. Labadie 2 2b, 3 RBIs; C. Huntline 1b, 2 RBIs; R. Robinson 3 1, RBI; M. Terrill 2 1b, RBI; C. Conrwell HR, 3 RBIs; C. Small 2 1b, 2b; C. Hartline 1b, RBI; V. Wright 1b, 2 RBIs.

Baseball

LaLumiere 10, River Valley 0
LaLumiere 600 04— 10 7 1
River Valley000 00— 0 0 4
WP — Kobe, LP — Jimmy Weiss.

First game
Heritage Christian 12, Grace Christian 10
Heritage 111 600 3 — 12 10 5
Grace 321 210 1 — 10 9 4
WP — Boley 10k's; LP — Cole Wiker
8K's.
Top hitters — Heritage: Christ Peters 2 1b, RBI; Boley HR, 2 RBIs; B. Hutchens 3 1b, 2 RBIs; Kerkstra 2 1b. Grace: Nate Wilkinson 1b, 2b, RBI; Nick Smith 1b, 2b, HR, 4 RBIs.

Second game
Heritage Christian 6, Grace Christian 2
Heritage 015 — 6 4 2
Grace 200 — 2 4 2
WP — Triemsbra. LP — Peter Brown.
Top hitters — Heritage: Hutchens 2b, 2 RBIs; Grace: Nick Smith 2b.

St. Joseph 10, Paw Paw 4
St. Joe 041 210 2 — 10 12 4
Paw Paw 021 010 0 — 4 6 5
WP — Kormanik. LP — Stieber.
Top hitters — St. Joseph: Nick Lawrence 3 1b; A.J. Montoya 1b, 3b.
Records — St. Joseph 10-6.

First game
Gobles 17, Bangor 0
Gobles 516 5 — 17 15 1
Bangor 000 0 — 0 3 2
WP — Ty Rock, 8 k's. LP — David Watkins
Top hitters — Gobles: Cam Hansen 2b, 2 RBIs; Seth Johnson 1b, 2b, HR, 45 RBIS; Ty Rock 2 2b, 2 RBIS; Joey Olsiewicz 1b, RBI; Brian Hayward 1b, 2b, 2 RBIs; Iain Gildea 2b, RBI; Justin Blodgett 2b, 2 RBIs.

Second game
Gobles 11, Bangor 0
Gobles 201 26 — 11 13 1
Bangor 000 00 — 0 1 5
WP — Olsiewicz, 8k's. LP — Scott Thorbjornsen.
Top hitters — Gobles: Hansen HR, 2 RBIs; Seth Johnson 2 1b, 2b,; Olsiewicz 3 1b, RBI; Jake Cramer 1b, 2b, 3 RBIs; Tucker Rigney 1b, 2 RBIs; Blodgett 1b, 2 2b, RBI.
Records — Gobles 4-0, 15-6

First game
Lawrence 9, Marcellus 4
Marcellus 102 010 0 — 4 10 4
Lawrence 103 032 x — 9 10 1
WP - Cammire. LP — Holston.
Top hitters — Marcellus: Holston 2 1b, Morales 2 1b, Sonevil 2 1b. Lawrence: Gendron 2 1b, Gribler 2 1b, Cammier 2 1b.

Second game
Lawrence 12, Marcellus 0
Marcellus 000 00 — 0 2 5
Lawrence 413 4x — 12 8 1
WP — Gribler 8k's. LP — Nielson.
Top hitters — Marcellus: Robinson 2 1b; Lawrence: Gendron 2 1b; Gribler 2 1b; Beeching 2 1b;
Records — Lawrence 2-2, 11-6

First game
Decatur 9, Hartford 0
Hartford 000 000 0 — 0 1 2
Decatur 050 400 x — 9 7 4
WP — J.T. Kawaski 8k's. LP — Joey Goble.
Top hitters — Decatur: Theodore Rufo 1b, RBI; Stephen Botti 1b, RBI; J.T. Kwaski 1b, ,RBI; T.J. Stambek 1b, RBI; Matthew Botti 1b, RBI; Joby Kawaski 1b, RBI.

Second game
Decatur 11, Hartford 6
Hartford 600 000 0 — 6 6 3
Decatur 425 000 x — 11 15 1
WP — S. Botti 5k's. LP — Luke Traver.
Top hitters — Hartford: Tony Kucharski 1b, RBI; Noey Lopez 2 1b, 2 RBIs; Alex Kimp 1b, RBI; Decatur: Rufo 1b, 3b; S. Botti 2b; J.T. Kawaski 2 1b, 2b, 3 RBIs; Tim Gerven 2 1b, 2 RBIs; Max Drenth 2 1b; Stambek 1b, 2b, RBI; M. Botti 2b; Joby Kawaski 2 1b, RBI.
Records — Hartford 1-3, 7-7; Decatur 4-0, 17-2.

First game
Coloma 8, Lake Michigan Catholic 3
Coloma 400 103 0 — 8 7 3
LM Catholic000 030 0 — 3 8 9
WP — Hess. LP — Saslvano.
Top hitters — Coloma: Greed 2 1b; Williams 3b, 2 RBIs; LM Catholic — Salvano 2 1v; Marszalec 2 1b.

Second game
Coloma 12, Lake Michigan Catholic 8
Coloma 000 228 — 12 9 5
LM Catholic220 301 — 8 6 5
WP — Steinhoff. LP — Visin.
Top hitters — Coloma: Page 2 1b, RBI; Steinhoff 2 1b. LM Catholic: Buchele 1b, 2b, 2 RBIs; Salvana 2 1b, 4 RBI's.

First game
Bloomingdale 10, Martin 0
Bloom 130 103 2 — 10 9 0
Martin 000 000 0 — 0 3 2
WP — Brody Harris 12 k's.
Top hitters — Bloomingdale: Harris 2 1b, 2b; Jeremiah Johnson 1b, 2b; Mike Jones 2 1b.

Second game
Bloomingdale 9, Martin 2
Bloom 311 031 0 — 9 4 1
Martin 100 010 0 — 2 7 2
WP — Bryce Bodtke 9 k's.
Top hitters — Cole Wixom 2 1b; Brody Harris 1b, 2b.

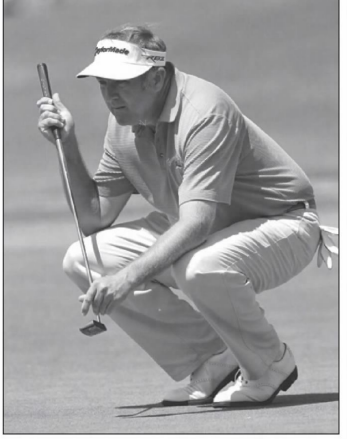
Soccer

Brandywine 2, River Valley 1
Half: 0-0
Goals — River Valley: Elaina Bowker
Shots — Brandywine 13, River Valley 8
Saves — Freddi King (RV) 8;

Lake Michigan Catholic 10, Bangor 2
Goals — Bangor: Cori Carpio, Marissa Carpio; LM Catholic: Lydia Svec 3, Larua Sifrig 2, Kayleigh Kibler 2, Morgan Zuhl, Hanna Monte, Brea Osbom.
Assists — LM Catholic: Sifrig 2, Svec, Zuhl, Monte, Nicole Visin, Ally Sullivan.
Shots — Bangor 3; LM Catholic 24
Records — Bangor 2-7; LM Catholic 8-1-2.

Duke, Tringale share lead

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Gerald Herbert / AP

Ken Duke lines up his putt on the 18th green during the first round of the Zurich Classic golf tournament on Thursday.

AVONDALE, La. — Ken Duke and Cameron Tringale topped the Zurich Classic leaderboard at 7-under 65 on Thursday, leaving defending champion Bubba Watson six strokes back at TPC Louisiana in his first tournament since winning the Masters.

Tringale birdied the final four holes and finished the round with eight birdies and a bogey. Duke had seven birdies in a bogey-free round. Both players are winless on the PGA Tour.

"My game felt really nice for quite some time and don't know how to explain it," Tringale said. "Just playing with a little confidence and it goes a long way in this game. ... When I had chances to make birdies I was making them and made a couple 20-footers as well. So, turned into a good day."

Steve Stricker, Ernie Els, Daniel Chopra and Chris Stroud were a stroke back at 66. Ben Curtis, the Texas Open winner Sunday in San Antonio, was another shot behind along with John Rollins and Jason Dufner.

Webb Simpson, a playoff loser last year in the event, had a 68.

Watson had four birdies and three bogeys in his 71.

Watson, playing the back nine first, was 2 over through the first seven holes. He birdied the par-5 18th and followed with three more birdies and a bogey on the front nine.

"I'm very exhausted, tough trying to play golf today," said Watson, who took a two-week break after the Masters. "I can't hit a full swing yet. I knew I needed to be here being the defending champ for the local fans. So I'm here, but mentally I'm not here."

Second-ranked Luke Donald opened with a 73.

Tringale, coming off eighth-place finishes in the Houston Open and Texas Open, made the turn at 2 under and had a 5-under 31 on the back nine, highlighted by a 25-foot birdie putt on the par-4 15th and a 20-footer on the difficult par-3 17th.

Duke, attempting to make the most of his opportunity after a two-year exile on the Nationwide Tour, made three consecutive birdies on the front nine to make the turn at 3 under and birdied the par-5 11th and par-4 12th to get it to 5 under. He added birdies on the par-4 16th and par-5 18th.

"The greens were good. Weren't too fast," Duke said. "You can't have them too fast here because of the wind and it will really will smack you. They're holeable, receptive. The course is in good shape, great shape."

Chopra, a two-time tour winner who has failed to make a cut this season, put himself in position to regain full-time status. The 66 was his first round in the 60s this season.

"The game has been fine, the results have been frustrating," he said. "The harder you press in this game the tougher it gets and when you get momentum going one way or the other, it's hard to break it, and I've been handling it the wrong way."

Sticker, playing alongside Watson and Simpson, birdied four of his final five holes and saved his round with a nifty up and down on his final hole, the par-3 ninth. After his tee shot landed short and right of the green, he chipped to 7 feet and made the putt.

"Getting up and down was a good momentum saver and a good way to finish the round," Stricker said.

MOBILE BAY LPGA CLASSIC

MOBILE, Ala. — Jennifer Rosales birdied five of the first seven holes on the back nine and finished with a 5-under 67 in the Mobile Bay LPGA Classic for a share of the first-round lead with Katie Futcher, Lindsey Wright and Caroline Hedwall.

Rosales, the Filipino player who won the last of her two LPGA Tour titles in 2005, had a birdie and a bogey on the front nine before making her back-nine move on The Crossings course at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail's Magnolia Grove complex. Futcher had the lead at 6 under after 17 holes, but dropped into a tie with a bogey on the par-4 ninth. Wright and Hedwall had bogey-free rounds.

Kraft Nabisco winner Sun Young Yoo was a stroke back along with Stacy Lewis, Morgan Pressel, Mariajo Uribe, Sydnee Michaels, Cindy LaCrosse, Haeji Kang and Mi Jung Hur.

Bulls clinch top seed

CHICAGO (AP) — John Lucas III scored a career-high 25 points, Joakim Noah had 13 points and 13 rebounds, and the Chicago Bulls clinched the top overall seed in the NBA playoffs with a 107-75 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Thursday night.

With the No. 1 seed in the East already in hand and the playoffs beginning on Saturday, Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau took no chances in the regular-season finale. He rested Derrick Rose, Luol Deng and Kyle Korver.

Chicago will host Philadelphia on Saturday.

Tristan Thompson scored 13 points for the Cavaliers, who lost four straight games to end the season, their second straight last-place finish in the Central Division.

Kyrie Irving, who had a late-season sprained right shoulder and is recovering from the flu, did not play.

The Bulls outrebounded Cleveland 60-38.

Despite being shorthanded, the Bulls controlled most of the game. They led 58-45 at halftime behind nine points and eight rebounds from Noah, and Lucas' nine points.

Carlos Boozer scored the first six points of the third quarter and Chicago extended the lead to 66-47.

Pistons 108, 76ers 86

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Ben Gordon scored 26 points, including eight 3-pointers, to help the Detroit Pistons rout the short-handed Philadelphia 76ers 108-86 Thursday night in the season finale.

Philadelphia (35-31) entered the game with a mathematical chance at the Eastern Conference's seventh seed, but didn't make much of an effort. Elton Brand, Andre Iguodala, Thaddeus Young and Lou Williams all sat out the game in order to rest for Saturday's postseason opener against top-seeded Chicago.

Spencer Hawes led the 76ers with 16, while Jodie Meeks had 15.

BASEBALL

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	12	7	.632	—
Tampa Bay	12	7	.632	—
New York	10	8	.556	1½
Toronto	10	9	.526	2
Boston	7	10	.412	4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	10	8	.556	—
Cleveland	9	8	.529	½
Detroit	10	9	.526	½
Kansas City	5	14	.263	5½
Minnesota	5	14	.263	5½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	15	4	.789	—
Oakland	10	10	.500	5½
Seattle	10	10	.500	5½
Los Angeles	6	13	.316	9

Wednesday's Games
Oakland 5, Chicago White Sox 4, 14 innings
Kansas City 8, Cleveland 2
Seattle 9, Detroit 1
Baltimore 3, Toronto 0
Tampa Bay 3, L.A. Angels 2
Texas 7, N.Y. Yankees 3
Boston 7, Minnesota 6

Thursday's Games
Kansas City 4, Cleveland 2
Seattle 3, Detroit 4
Tampa Bay 4, L.A. Angels 3
Baltimore 5, Toronto 2
Boston at Chicago White Sox

Today's Games
Detroit (Verlander 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 3-0), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 3-0) at Cleveland (Masterson 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (McCarthy 0-3) at Baltimore (Arrieta 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Beavan 1-2) at Toronto (R.Romero 3-0), 7:07 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Shields 3-0) at Texas (M.Harrison 3-0), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Bard 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 2-2), 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Teaford 0-1) at Minnesota (Pavano 1-2), 8:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games
L.A. Angels at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Yankees, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle at Toronto, 4:07 p.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Boston at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Detroit at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Seattle at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
Boston at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

MARINERS 5, TIGERS 4

Seattle		ab	r	hbi	Detroit	ab	r	hbi
Figgins lf		4	1	3	1 Dirks dh	4	1	1 0
Ackley 2b		4	0	1	0 Boesch rf	4	1	1 1
iSuzuki rf		4	1	0	0 MiCarr 3b	4	1	1 2
Smoak 1b		3	1	1	3 Fielder 1b	4	0	0 0
JMontr dh		4	0	0	0 Dfong lf	3	0	0 0
Liddi 3b		4	0	1	0 Kelly cf	4	1	2 0
MSndrs cf		3	0	0	0 JhPerlt ss	3	0	1 0
Olivo c		4	1	1	1 Raburn 2b	3	0	2 1
Ryan ss		3	1	0	0 Laird c	2	0	0 0
					Avila ph-c	1	0	0 0
Totals		33	5	7	5 Totals	32	4	8 4

Seattle	300	100	100	—	**5**
Detroit	000	013	000	—	**4**

E—Liddi (1), Raburn (1). DP—Seattle 2. LOB—Seattle 4, Detroit 5. 2B—Figgins (3). 3B—Dirks (2). HR—Smoak (3), Olivo (1), Mi.Cabrera (6). SB—Figgins (2). CS—Liddi (1). S—Ja.Peralta, Raburn.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Noesi	5	5	4	4	1	2
Furbush W,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Delabar H,3	⅓	1	0	0	0	0
Luetge H,2	⅔	0	0	0	1	0
Wilhelmsen H,5	1	0	0	0	0	1
League S,7-8	1	2	0	0	0	0
Detroit						
Porcello L,1-2	6⅔	7	5	5	2	3
Coke	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Dotel	1	0	0	0	0	0
Benoit	1	0	0	0	1	3

Noesi pitched to 3 batters in the 6th.
PB—Olivo.
Umpires—Home, Jim Reynolds; First, Mike DiMuro; Second, James Hoye; Third, Jim Joyce.
T—2:45. A—31,451 (41,255).

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	14	4	.778	—
Atlanta	12	7	.632	2½
New York	11	8	.579	3½
Philadelphia	9	10	.474	5½
Miami	7	11	.389	7

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	12	7	.632	—
Cincinnati	9	10	.474	3
Milwaukee	9	10	.474	3
Pittsburgh	8	10	.444	3½
Houston	7	12	.368	5
Chicago	6	13	.316	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	13	6	.684	—
San Francisco	10	9	.526	3
Colorado	9	9	.500	3½
Arizona	9	10	.474	4
San Diego	5	14	.263	8

Wednesday's Games
Colorado 2, Pittsburgh 1, 1st game
Houston 7, Milwaukee 5
St. Louis 5, Chicago Cubs 1
Philadelphia 7, Arizona 2
Pittsburgh 5, Colorado 1, 2nd game
Washington 7, San Diego 2
N.Y. Mets 5, Miami 1
Cincinnati 4, San Francisco 2
Atlanta 4, L.A. Dodgers 2

Thursday's Games
San Francisco 6, Cincinnati 5
N.Y. Mets 3, Miami 2
Washington at San Diego

Today's Games
Chicago Cubs (Maholm 1-2) at Philadelphia (Halladay 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (J.Saunders 1-1) at Miami (Zambrano 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (W.Rodriguez 1-2) at Cincinnati (Leake 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (A.J.Burnett 1-0) at Atlanta (Hanson 2-2), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 1-1) at St. Louis (Westbrook 2-1), 8:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Schwinden 0-0) at Colorado (Pomeranz 0-1), 8:40 p.m.
Washington (Detwiler 2-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 1-0), 10:10 p.m.
San Diego (Luebke 2-1) at San Francisco (Hacker 0-0), 10:15 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 1:05 p.m.
Houston at Cincinnati, 4:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Arizona at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 9:05 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Arizona at Miami, 1:10 p.m.
Houston at Cincinnati, 1:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10 p.m.

NHL

PLAYOFFS
All Times EDT
(x-if necessary)

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)

Wednesday's game
Washington 2, Boston 1, OT, Washington wins series 4-3

Thursday's games
NY Rangers 2, Ottawa 1, NY Rangers wins series 4-3
New Jersey at Florida

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

Today's game
Nashville at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Saturday's game
Los Angeles at St. Louis, TBA

Sunday's game
Nashville at Phoenix, TBA

Monday, April 30
Los Angeles at St. Louis, TBA

Wednesday, May 2
Phoenix at Nashville, TBA

NBA

All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Boston	39	27	.591	—
x-New York	36	30	.545	3
x-Philadelphia	35	31	.530	4
Toronto	23	43	.348	16
New Jersey	22	44	.333	17

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	46	20	.697	—
x-Atlanta	40	26	.606	6
x-Orlando	37	29	.561	9
Washington	20	46	.303	26
Charlotte	7	59	.106	39

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Chicago	50	16	.758	—
x-Indiana	42	24	.636	8
Milwaukee	31	35	.470	19
Detroit	25	41	.379	25
Cleveland	21	45	.318	29

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-San Antonio	49	16	.754	—
x-Memphis	41	25	.621	8½
x-Dallas	36	30	.545	13½
Houston	34	32	.515	15½
New Orleans	21	45	.318	28½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	47	19	.712	—
x-Denver	38	28	.576	9
x-Utah	36	30	.545	11
Portland	28	38	.424	19
Minnesota	26	40	.394	21

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-L.A. Lakers	41	24	.631	—
x-L.A. Clippers	40	26	.606	1½
Phoenix	33	33	.500	8½
Golden State	23	42	.354	18
Sacramento	21	44	.323	20

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference
Wednesday's Games
Washington 96, Cleveland 85
Chicago 92, Indiana 87
Orlando 102, Charlotte 95
Denver 106, Oklahoma City 101
Philadelphia 90, Milwaukee 85
New York 99, L.A. Clippers 93
San Antonio 110, Phoenix 106

Thursday's Games
Toronto 98, New Jersey 67
Utah 96, Portland 94
Chicago 107, Cleveland 75
Houston 84, New Orleans 77
Denver 131, Minnesota 102
Memphis 88, Orlando 76
Atlanta 106, Dallas 89
Boston 87, Milwaukee 74
New York 104, Charlotte 84
Detroit 108, Philadelphia 86
Washington 104, Miami 70
San Antonio at Golden State
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento
END OF REGULAR SEASON

PISTONS 108, 76ERS 86

PHILADELPHIA (86)
Brand 2-6 2-2 6, Brackins 4-12 0-0 10, Hawes 8-13 0-0 16, Turner 4-10 2-2 10, Meeks 5-14 5-6 15, S.Young 4-9 1-2 12, Battie 1-3 0-0 2, Wacyeo 4-10 1-2 9, Silas 2-10 2-2 6. Totals 34-87 13-16 86.
DETROIT (108)
Prince 3-7 1-1 7, Wallace 3-7 1-2 7, Monroe 4-7 0-0 8, Knight 2-6 0-0 6, Stuckey 5-11 3-3 13, Maxiell 3-4 2-2 8, Gordon 9-13 0-0 20, Jerebko 2-4 1-2 6, Villanueva 4-11 0-0 11, Bynum 2-5 2-2 6, Wilkins 1-2 0-0 2. Daye 1-2 0-0 2, Macklin 2-2 2-4 6. Totals 41-81 12-16 108.

Philadelphia	15	28	23	20 — **86**
Detroit	26	39	21	22 — **108**

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 5-15 (S.Young 3-3, Brackins 2-4, Battie 0-1, Meeks 0-3, Silas 0-4), Detroit 14-32 (Gordon 6-10, Villanueva 3-7, Knight 2-5, Jerebko 1-2, Wallace 0-2, Prince 0-3, Stuckey 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 49 (Vucevic 12), Detroit 51 (Wallace 12). Assists—Philadelphia 21 (Turner 6), Detroit 29 (Knight 7). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 12, Detroit 14. A—15,372 (22,076).

BULLS 107, CAVALIERS 75

CLEVELAND (75)
Gee 3-13 1-5 10, Jamison 4-18 3-4 12, Chicago 3-16 1-2 8, Sloan 6-17 0-0 12, Parker 2-4 0-2 4, Samuels 3-6 1-1 7, Kennedy 0-6 0-0 0, Harris 2-9 1-2 5, Harangody 4-6 3-4 12, Walton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-87 17-26 75.
CHICAGO (107)
Brewer 1-3 0-0 2, Boozer 4-6 1-2 9, Noah 6-11 1-2 13, Watson 0-6 2-2 2, Hamilton 5-10 0-0 10, Butler 4-8 4-7 12, T.Gibson 4-6 2-2 10, Asik 3-4 0-0 6, Lucas 10-16 2-2 25, James 4-7 0-0 10. Scalabrine 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 45-85 12-17 107.

Cleveland	25	20	17	13 — **75**
Chicago	30	22	27	28 — **107**

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 2-13 (Harangody 1-2, Jamison 1-5, Gee 0-1, Thompson 0-1, Harris 0-1, Parker 0-1, Kennedy 0-2), Chicago 5-16 (Lucas 3-7, James 2-2, Butler 0-1, Hamilton 0-1, Watson 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 47 (Thompson 12), Chicago 66 (T.Gibson, Noah 12). Assists—Cleveland 8 (Walton, Sloan 2), Chicago 29 (Watson 8). Total Fouls—Cleveland 9, Chicago 17. Technicals—Chicago defensive three second. A—22,563 (20,917).

NFL

2012 NFL Draft Selections
At New York
Thursday
First Round

1. Indianapolis, Andrew Luck, qb, Stanford.
2. Washington (from St. Louis), Robert Griffin III, qb, Baylor.
3. Cleveland (from Minnesota), Trent Richardson, rb, Alabama.
4. Minnesota (from Cleveland), Matt Kalil, ot, Southern Cal.
5. Jacksonville (from Tampa Bay), Justin Blackmon, wr, Oklahoma State.
6. Dallas (from Washington through St. Louis), Morris Claiborne, db, LSU.
7. Tampa Bay (from Jacksonville), Mark Barron, db, Alabama.
8. Miami, Ryan Tannehill, qb, Texas A&M.
9. Carolina, Luke Kuechly, lb, Boston College.
10. Buffalo, Stephon Gilmore, db, South Carolina.
11. Kansas City, Dontari Poe, nt, Memphis.
12. Philadelphia (from Seattle), Fletcher Cox, dt, Mississippi State.
13. Arizona, Michael Floyd, wr, Notre Dame.
14. St. Louis (from Dallas), Michael Brockers, dt, LSU.
15. Seattle (from Philadelphia), Bruce Irvin, de, West Virginia.
16. N.Y. Jets, Quinton Coples, de, North Carolina.
17. Cincinnati (from Oakland), Dre Kirkpatrick, db, Alabama.
18. San Diego, Melvin Ingram, lb, South Carolina.
19. Chicago, Shea McClellin, de, Boise State.
20. Tennessee, Kendall Wright, wr, Baylor.
21. New England (from Cincinnati), Chandler Jones, de, Syracuse.
22. Cleveland (from Atlanta), Brandon Weeden, qb, Oklahoma State.
23. Detroit, Riley Reiff, ot, Iowa.
24. Pittsburgh, David DeCastro, g, Stanford.
25. New England, (from Denver), Dont'a Hightower, lb, Alabama.
26. Houston, Whitney Mercilus, lb, Illinois.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB—Suspended Cleveland LHP Harold Guerrero (Mahoning-WP) and Chicago White Sox RHP Andre Rienzo (Winston-Salem-Car) 50 games each for testing positive for performance-enhancing substances in violation of the minor league drug prevention and treatment program.
American League
DETROIT TIGERS—Released 3B Brandon Inge. Recalled RHP Brayan Villarreal from Toledo (IL). Selected the contracted RHP Luke Putkonen and 1B Brad Eldred from Toledo. Optioned RHP Thad Weber to Toledo.
National League
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed RHP Micah Owings on the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Dale Thayer from Tucson (PCL). Transferred RHP Dustin Moseley from the 15-day DL to the 60-day DL.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed WR Jerome Simpson.

GOLF

Zurich Classic of New Orleans Scores
Thursday
At TPC Louisiana
Avondale, La.
Purse: $6.4 million
Yardage: 7,425; Par 72 (36-36)
First Round

Ken Duke	33-32 — 65
Cameron Tringale	34-31 — 65
Daniel Chopra	33-33 — 66
Steve Stricker	31-35 — 66
Ernie Els	31-35 — 66
Chris Stroud	33-33 — 66
Ben Curtis	34-33 — 67
John Rollins	33-34 — 67
Jason Dufner	33-34 — 67
David Hearn	35-33 — 68
Webb Simpson	34-34 — 68
Graham DeLaet	34-34 — 68
Daniel Summerhays	34-34 — 68
Jonas Blixt	33-35 — 68
Briny Baird	34-35 — 69
Tim Herron	34-35 — 69
Graeme McDowell	36-33 — 69
Camilo Villegas	35-34 — 69
Bob Estes	34-35 — 69
Kevin Streelman	36-33 — 69
J.J. Henry	34-35 — 69
Kyle Reifers	33-36 — 69
Miguel Angel Carballo	35-34 — 69
Kris Blanks	35-34 — 69
Vaughn Taylor	34-35 — 69
Charley Hoffman	34-35 — 69
Scott Verplank	33-36 — 69
Stuart Appleby	34-35 — 69
Mark Anderson	36-33 — 69
Troy Kelly	35-34 — 69
Erik Compton	36-33 — 69
Russell Knox	34-35 — 69
George McNeill	35-35 — 70
Brian Gay	35-35 — 70
Lucas Glover	34-36 — 70
Alex Cejka	36-34 — 70
Jason Kokrak	34-36 — 70
Garth Mulroy	34-36 — 70
Greg Owen	34-36 — 70
Greg Chalmers	35-35 — 70
Stephen Ames	35-35 — 70
Jimmy Walker	35-35 — 70
Mathew Goggin	35-35 — 70
Brian Harman	32-38 — 70
Colt Knost	36-34 — 70
Michael Putnam	36-34 — 70
William McGirt	34-36 — 70
Seung-Yul Noh	34-36 — 70
Hank Kuehne	34-37 — 71
Bubba Watson	36-35 — 71
Rocco Mediate	36-35 — 71
John Mallinger	35-36 — 71
Brian Davis	36-35 — 71
Nick O'Hern	35-36 — 71
J.B. Holmes	37-34 — 71
Bud Cauley	35-36 — 71
Sunghoon Kang	34-37 — 71
Bobby Gates	36-35 — 71
Nathan Green	36-35 — 71
Rickie Fowler	36-35 — 71
Chris DiMarco	35-36 — 71
Roland Thatcher	35-36 — 71
Rod Pampling	35-36 — 71
K.J. Choi	36-35 — 71
Charles Howell III	35-36 — 71
Jeff Maggert	37-34 — 71
John Peterson	36-35 — 71
Patrick Reed	35-36 — 71
Troy Matteson	39-33 — 72
Gavin Coles	34-38 — 72
Marco Dawson	37-35 — 72
John Merrick	35-37 — 72
Patrick Sheehan	37-35 — 72
Chris Couch	34-38 — 72
Matt Jones	36-36 — 72
Carl Pettersson	39-33 — 72
Justin Rose	35-37 — 72
Ryan Palmer	36-36 — 72
Fred Funk	37-35 — 72
Alexandre Rocha	35-37 — 72
Kevin Kisner	35-37 — 72
Will Claxton	36-36 — 72
Richard H. Lee	38-34 — 72
David Duval	36-36 — 72
David Mathis	35-37 — 72
Spencer Levin	37-35 — 72
Jeff Overton	34-38 — 72
David Toms	35-37 — 72
Scott Piercy	35-37 — 72
Michael Bradley	36-36 — 72
Trevor Immelman	36-36 — 72
Bill Lunde	36-36 — 72
John Senden	35-37 — 72
Brandt Jobe	34-38 — 72
Chad Collins	37-35 — 72
Andres Romero	35-37 — 72
J.J. Killeen	36-36 — 72
Edward Loar	36-36 — 72
Matt Every	34-38 — 72
Harris English	37-35 — 72
Danny Lee	37-35 — 72
Tom Pernice Jr.	37-36 — 73
Steve Flesch	37-36 — 73
Cameron Beckman	37-36 — 73
Jerry Kelly	34-39 — 73
Brendon Todd	36-37 — 73
Ted Potter, Jr.	35-38 — 73
James Driscoll	36-37 — 73
Tommy Gainey	37-36 — 73
Luke Donald	35-38 — 73
Keegan Bradley	39-34 — 73
Retief Goosen	38-35 — 73
Brendon de Jonge	35-38 — 73
Blake Adams	35-38 — 73
John Daly	36-37 — 73
Scott Dunlap	33-40 — 73
Chez Reavie	35-39 — 74
Peter Hanson	36-38 — 74
Justin Leonard	39-35 — 74
Chris Kirk	37-37 — 74
Matt Bettencourt	34-40 — 74
Scott Brown	36-38 — 74
Steve Wheatcroft	39-35 — 74
Roberto Castro	35-39 — 74
Billy Horschel	38-36 — 74
Josh Teater	38-36 — 74
Nick Watney	38-36 — 74
Jason Bohn	39-35 — 74
Pat Perez	40-34 — 74
Billy Hurley III	36-38 — 74
Martin Flores	36-38 — 74
Tommy Biershenk	38-36 — 74
Ricky Barnes	37-38 — 75
Tim Petrovic	38-37 — 75
Angel Cabrera	37-38 — 75
Gary Christian	39-36 — 75
Joey McLister	40-36 — 76
Geoff Ogilvy	39-37 — 76
Stephen Gangluff	37-39 — 76
D.A. Points	39-37 — 76
Bryce Molder	37-39 — 76
Hunter Haas	37-39 — 76

AREA SCHEDULE

Today's games

Baseball
Eau Claire at Buchanan JV, 4:15
South Haven at Edwardsburg, 4
New Buffalo at Bridgman, 4:15

Softball
Berrien Springs at Grace Christian, 4:15
New Buffalo at Bridgman, 4:15
Girls soccer
Kalamazoo Christian at St. Joseph, 6:45
Sturgis at Niles, 5:45
Dowagiac at Coloma, 5
Buchanan at Berrien Springs, 5
Watervliet at New Buffalo, 5

Girls tennis
Dowagiac at Comstock, 4

Boys golf
Niles at Tee Off Inv. at Grand Traverse Resort, 9
Wolverine jamboree at Comstock, 4
Lakeshore at Coloma, 4

Track
St. Joseph, Lakeshore, Niles at Edwardsburg Inv., 4
Benton Harbor at Kal. Loy Norrix, 10:30
South Haven, Berrien Springs, Bridgman, Coloma, Decatur, Lawrence at Bangor Relays, 4
New Buffalo at Bronson Inv., 4

Saturday's games

Baseball
Lakeshore at Portage Northern Inv., 9
Michigan Lutheran, Buchanan at Climax-Scotts Inv., 10
Berrien Springs Inv., 10
Brandywine at Schoolcraft Inv., 4

Softball
St. Joseph at Saline Inv., 8
Lakeshore, Decatur at Gull Lake Inv., 8
Niles, Watervliet at Coloma Inv., 9
Michigan Lutheran, Buchanan at Climax-Scotts Inv., 10

Girls tennis
St. Joseph at Sturgis, 9
Niles Doubles Inv., 8:30
Berrien Springs, Coloma at South Haven Inv., 9
Brandywine Bobcat Inv., 10

Track
Hartford, Berrien Springs, Brandywine, Buchanan, River Valley at Watervliet Relays, 9

Lions add offensive lineman

By LARRY LAGE
AP Sports Writer

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — The Detroit Lions selected Iowa offensive tackle Riley Reiff with the No. 23 pick overall in the NFL draft on Thursday night.

Lions general manager Martin Mayhew vowed that the team would stick to its philosophy of taking the top player available unless he was a quarterback. Mayhew insisted he wouldn't put a need, such as cornerback, ahead of a better player at a position of strength on the roster.

With the top corners off the board, the Lions added depth on their aging offensive line with an eye toward protecting quarterback Matthew Stafford.

The 6-foot-5, 313-pound Reiff was athletic enough to play tight end and defensive tackle before moving to the offensive line.

Reiff, who is from Parkston, S.D., skipped his senior season to enter the draft. He started 37 of 39 games for the Hawkeyes. He was a first-string left offensive tackle in 29 games, right tackle for one game and made seven starts at left guard.

Detroit has re-signed left tackle Jeff Backus, who is 34, this offseason and might groom Reiff to perhaps replace 27-year-old former Raiders running back Michael Bush to a four-year, $14 million deal to team with the unhappy Forte.

Emery added special teams star Eric Weems, with Johnny Knox's status uncertain because of a back injury, along with guard Chilo Rachal and linebacker Geno Hayes. The Bears also took care of some of their own, most notably giving linebacker Lance Briggs an extension through 2014, even though he had two years left on a six-year, $36 million deal, but Forte's situation remains unresolved. He hasn't signed his $7.74 million franchise tender.

BEARS

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Jay Cutler broke his right thumb trying to make a tackle after a late interception against San Diego in the 10th game and things unraveled from there.

The offense suffered another huge blow when Matt Forte sprained the MCL in his right knee against Kansas City on Dec. 4, and the late slump ultimately cost general manager Jerry Angelo his job. Gone, too, is offensive coordinator Mike Martz, who had an expiring contract, and quarterbacks coach Shane Day. Offensive line coach Mike Tice is the new coordinator following a promotion.

Emery was an area scout with Chicago from 1998-2004 and was the Kansas City Chiefs' director of college scouting when the Bears came calling. He had one mandate from president Ted Phillips: Close the talent gap with Green Bay and Detroit in the NFC North.

To that end, Emery made a huge splash when he acquired Marshall from Miami, but he didn't stop there. He filled a big hole at backup quarterback, signing Jason Campbell from Oakland, and beefed up the backfield by signing with Dallas, which was 14th overall. The Cowboys selected LSU's Morris Claiborne, the top cornerback, adding him to free agent signing Brandon Carr and shoring up what was a Swiss cheese secondary.

St. Louis got a second-rounder in the deal.

Tampa Bay finished off a wild 30 minutes of bartering by grabbing Alabama safety Mark Barron seventh overall.

A third quarterback went eighth where Miami — can you believe it? — stayed put.

The Dolphins took Texas A&M's Ryan Tannehill, who played wide receiver for most of his time in college. His coach at A&M, Mike Sherman, is the Dolphins offensive coordinator.

Carolina selected Boston College linebacker Luke Kuechly, the nation's leading tackler. Buffalo chose cornerback Stephon Gilmore of South Carolina and Memphis defensive tackle Dontari Poe went to Kansas City before the next trade occurred.

Philadelphia moved up from 15 to 12, giving Seattle two later picks, then took Mississippi State defensive tackle Fletcher Cox.

Notre Dame receiver Michael Floyd went to Arizona, then the Rams finally got involved, taking LSU defensive tackle Michael Brockers.

Three more defensive players followed: West Virginia end Bruce Irvin to Seattle, North Carolina end Quinton Coples to the Jets, and Alabama cornerback Dre Kirkpatrick to Cincinnati.

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Elway now runs the Broncos and recently signed Manning as a free agent after Manning missed all of last season following neck surgery.

Indianapolis was the only team in the first seven picks to stay put.

After Minnesota took Kalil, Jacksonville jumped up two spots, trading with Florida neighbor Tampa Bay to get Oklahoma State's Justin Blackmon, the top receiver in this crop.

"It just goes to show you that anything can happen," Blackmon said, referring to the Jaguars going after him.

St. Louis must have liked dealing down because the Rams did it again, trading Furbush, who went to Seattle in the deal that brought Doug Fister to Detroit last season. "I know the guys and know some of their tendencies as hitters. Kind of felt a little at home."

Brandon League induced Alex Avila's doubleplay grounder to escape a first-and-second, one-out jam in the ninth and get his seventh save in eight chances.

Mariners starter Hector Noesi, acquired from the Yankees along with Jesus Montero in the deal that sent Michael Pineda to New York, allowed four runs and five hits in five-plus innings.

Noesi held the Tigers hitless for the first 4 1-3 innings, allowing only Delmon Young's one-out walk in the second before Don Kelly's single.

Seattle took an early lead, as it did in the first two games of the series. Smoak broke an 0-for-16 skid with a three-run homer in the first on a 2-2 pitch. The drive, estimated at 390 feet, landed deep in the right-field stands for Smoak's third home run.

Olivo homered in the fourth, his first since Sept. 9.

Ryan Raburn singled in a run in the fifth, his first RBI this year. But with runners at the corners, Gerald Laird grounded into an inning-ending double play.

Andy Dirks tripled leading off the sixth, Boesch singled and Cabrera tied it with a two-run homer that chased Noesi. Furbush retired the next three batters.

Detroit put runners at the corners with one out in the seventh before Dirks and Boesch grounded out against Lucas Luetge.

Notes: Seattle also swept Detroit in a three-game series at Comerica Park last April 26-28. ... Laird was called out by first-base umpire Mike DiMuro on a slow roller to second base with one out in the third. Laird and Tigers manager Jim Leyland, who sprinted across the diamond, both argued the call. Replays showed Laird beat the throw. ... Detroit recalled RHP Brayan Villarreal from Triple-A Toledo and selected the contract RHP Luke Putkonen from the same team. The Tigers also optioned RHP Thad Weber to Toledo. ... Dirks returned after missing eight games with tightness in his left hamstring. ... Seattle heads to Toronto for a three-game series. The Mariners' Blake Beavan (1-2) will face Toronto's Ricky Romero (3-0) on Friday. Detroit travels to New York for a three-game series with the Yankees. AL Cy Young Award winner and MVP Justin Verlander (2-1) pitches against Ivan Nova (3-0).

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of Inge's $5.5 million salary this year and the $500,000 buyout of his $6 million option for 2013, a total of $5,308,743. But the Tigers could save up to $417,049 back if he were to sign with another team Friday.

Justin Smoak hit a three-run homer and Miguel Olivo also connected for the Mariners.

"They came back and we were able to counter punch," Smoak said. "That's what you've got to do."

Figgins' drive to right-center scored Brendan Ryan, who reached on a two-out walk from Rick Porcello (1-2).

Porcello gave up five runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings.

"He hung a changeup to Smoak early in the game and after that I thought he pitched pretty well," Leyland said of Porcello. "He hung a slider to Olivo with the add-on run, with the home run. But I thought he settled and pitched pretty well."

Former Tiger Charlie Furbush (1-1) pitched a perfect inning.

"A little different. It was fun though. Being in this ballpark after being up here for a while last year, I had some familiarity," said

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Kids Week

An Enduring Game

Let's Play Lacrosse!

Do you know which sport is older than baseball, football and basketball, and was first played by Native Americans? If you said "lacrosse," you're right!

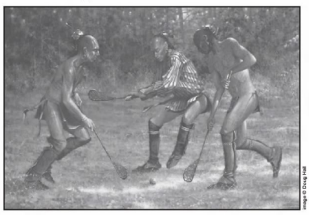
Lacrosse® is a team competition that has been played for hundreds of years in North America. It was first observed by European explorers more than 500 years ago.

The Mini Page spoke with a former college player and a current high school lacrosse coach to learn more about this fast-paced, heart-pumping activity.

***The name "lacrosse" came from French settlers, who thought the sticks used resembled a staff, or "la crosse," carried by Catholic bishops.**

photo courtesy US Lacrosse

Lacrosse has become a popular sport for people of all ages and from many areas of the country. In 2011, more than 680,000 people in the U.S. were playing organized lacrosse.



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Among the many Native American nations that played some variation of lacrosse were the Choctaw and Cherokee of the southeastern U.S., the Onondaga and Mohawk of upstate New York, and the Huron of the Great Lakes region.

More than sport

Lacrosse first began among the Huron and Iroquois nations along the St. Lawrence River in what is now southern Canada and the northeast United States. Competitors used hand-carved wooden sticks with a webbed pocket and a ball made out of deerskin stuffed with hair or wood.

Many of the first lacrosse "games" played among Native American tribes were used to settle disputes without having to go to war. Participants often took part in **rituals*** (RI-chu-als) to prepare for the games, much as they would before going into battle.

***A ritual is a ceremony or action with a specific meaning.**

A curious game

The rules for these early games were different in many places. In some games, thousands of players would play on a field that may have stretched for miles. And the games themselves could last for hours or even days!

When American and Canadian colonists saw lacrosse being played, they were curious about it. Some Native American players even traveled to Europe to show off this strange sport.

In the late 1800s, an English Lacrosse Union was organized after Queen Victoria saw Iroquois Indians and Canadians play the game.

Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and her friends are learning to play lacrosse! See if you can find:

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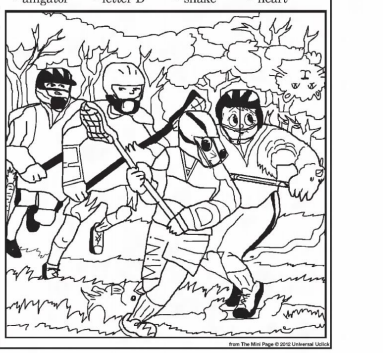

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Spicy Tomato Vegetable Soup

You'll need:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 2 cups tomato juice
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1 (15.25-ounce) can corn, drained
- 1 (15.5-ounce) can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 medium green bell pepper, diced
- 1 cup shredded zucchini
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- ½ teaspoon black pepper

What to do:

1. In a large pot, heat oil and cook onion and garlic on medium heat for 5 minutes until onion is limp.
2. Add all remaining ingredients and bring to a boil.
3. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

You will need an adult's help with this recipe.

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Meet Lily Collins

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Lily Collins plays Snow White in the movie "Mirror Mirror." She has appeared in several other movies and TV shows.

Lily, 23, was born in West Sussex, England. When she was a baby, she appeared in a British television series. Her family moved to the United States when she was 6. She went to a special drama and acting school.

When she was 15, she began working for a British fashion magazine and wrote articles about Hollywood. She then covered the 2008 Democratic and Republican national conventions for Seventeen magazine. She covered President Obama's inauguration as a journalist for Nickelodeon. She also has hosted Nickelodeon's "Hollywood Hang" and "Countdown to Kids' Choice!"

Lily is majoring in journalism at college, fitting in school between her jobs. She volunteers for programs where teens help other teens who are in difficult situations.

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Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Tony Nelson

Height: 6-4 **Birthdate: 9-27-90**
Weight: 245 **Hometown: Cambridge, Minn.**

After all the hard work and hard knocks, Tony Nelson has a special moment to savor now.

The University of Minnesota sophomore reached the pinnacle of college wrestling in March, winning the NCAA Division I heavyweight championship and leading his Golden Gophers to a runner-up finish behind Penn State.

It was a big jump from last year, when Nelson finished seventh at the national championships. Hours of conditioning and many days on the mat practicing holds, moves and escapes helped him improve. Last month, it all came together, the will and skill that led to the title and his biggest wrestling thrill.

A former two-time state champ and star linebacker in high school, Nelson isn't all muscle and might. He's an engineering major, and Minnesota fans are glad he'll be around two more years.

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A Growing Sport

A regional game

For many years, lacrosse was played in only a few places, such as New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland and Virginia. It became popular in Canada as a summer substitute for hockey. Specific rules were developed about the size of the field and how to play. A hard rubber ball replaced the one made of deerskin.

As newer sports, such as baseball and basketball, grew in popularity, lacrosse remained unknown to much of the rest of the United States. But that began to change about 20 years ago.

Many colleges and universities began organizing men's and women's teams for competition among student-athletes. This gave more young people an opportunity to play the sport while getting a college education, perhaps even with a lacrosse scholarship.

photo courtesy Rich Limpert

Lacrosse has elements, or parts, of many different sports. Like basketball, teams run plays on offense and defense. Like hockey, points are scored by putting the ball in an opponent's goal. There is also a penalty box for a player who breaks a rule.

As in a soccer match, the game involves a lot of running from one end of the field to the other. A lacrosse field is similar in size to a football or soccer field.

During the 2009-2010 school year, there were more than 500 men's and women's college lacrosse programs.

Player becomes coach

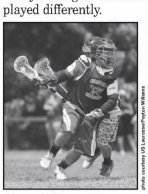
Rich Limpert is the head coach of the Woodbury High School boys' lacrosse team in Woodbury, Minn. He played hockey in college and was introduced to lacrosse in the offseason by teammates from Canada. He learned to throw and catch by bouncing a ball off a concrete wall — a technique players call "wall ball."

Rich Limpert

Limpert started coaching a group of 13 kids in 2005. Since then, the program has grown to include more than 200 boys and girls at three local high schools. He said playing lacrosse offers all kinds of kids more than just an athletic experience: "Giving kids the confidence that they can do something new, and that if they work hard they can be successful — that's just awesome."

Playing Lacrosse

Boys' and girls' lacrosse games are played differently.



Boys wear protective gear while playing lacrosse. Players are not allowed to hit an opponent in the head, on the back or below the waist.

photo courtesy US Lacrosse (top); Courtesy Ken Crowell

In girls' lacrosse, players protect their eyes with goggles and their teeth with mouthpieces.

Girls' lacrosse games are played in two halves with a halftime, much like soccer. Boys' games are played in four quarters with a halftime, more like football.

Boys' lacrosse

The boys' game involves some contact between players — either with the body or with the stick. But certain rules must be followed or a player is called for a penalty. For example, you cannot touch your opponent's head with your stick. Male lacrosse players wear helmets, shoulder and arm pads, gloves and mouthpieces to protect themselves.

Boys' lacrosse is played with 10 players on each team:

- **1 Goalkeeper**, who uses a stick with a much larger head to try to prevent an opponent from scoring.
- **3 Defensemen**, who use a longer stick to help the goalkeeper defend the goal from attackers.
- **3 Midfielders**, who generally use a shorter stick and can run anywhere on the field.
- **3 Attackmen**, who must stay on the opponent's half of the field and are usually a team's best scorers.

Girls' lacrosse

Girls' lacrosse has its own rules that make it different from the boys' game. Most important is that it is a non-contact sport. For this reason, most female athletes don't need helmets or padding, though they do wear goggles and mouthpieces for protection. However, goalkeepers wear helmets, face masks and pads because balls are being thrown right at them.

In girls' lacrosse, there are 12 players on each team:

- **1 Goalkeeper**, who can use any part of her body along with her longer stick to block a shot.
- **3 Defenders**, who must block shots, intercept the ball, and score when they get a chance.
- **5 Midfielders**, who have a lot of space to cover and have to be good both on offense and defense.
- **3 Attackers**, who must be able to score and assist, and are excellent passers and catchers.

On the field

The boys' lacrosse field is separated into halves. A team can have only six players on one half at a time (plus a goalkeeper, if on defense).

In girls' lacrosse, the field is divided into thirds by a pair of **restraining lines**, or boundaries. Only seven players can attack the opponent's goal inside a restrained area. On defense, only seven players and the goalie are allowed within the restrained area.

A sport for everyone

Former college player Emily Gibson said: "Lacrosse is great in that you can be any shape or size or skill level and have a good time."

The Mini Page thanks coach Rich Limpert and the Woodbury Royals, and Emily Gibson and Paul Krome at US Lacrosse, for help with this issue.

Next week, The Mini Page is about Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee.

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Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Leslie: Why is Cinderella a bad lacrosse player?
Lamont: Because she is always running away from the ball!

Laurie: Why did the lacrosse player cross the road?
Larry: Because the chicken was holding his stick!

Leanne: Why did the lacrosse player end up in prison?
Lonnie: Because he shot the ball!

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Basset Brown The News Hound's Lacrosse TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of lacrosse are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: AMERICAN, ATTACKER, BALL, COLLEGE, CONTACT, DEFENDER, DEFENSE, FIELD, GAME, GEAR, GOAL, GOALKEEPER, LACROSSE, MIDFIELDER, NATIVE, OFFENSE, RITUAL, RULES, SPORT, STICK, TEAM.

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The Mini Page provides ideas for websites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

On the Web:

- uslacrosse.org/TopNav2Left/Players/BeginnersGuide.aspx
- ncaa.com/sports/lacrosse-men/d1 *and* ncaa.com/sports/lacrosse-women/d1
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By BERNICE BEDE OSOL

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Your imprint is likely to be more widely felt in the year ahead than it ever was in the past, mostly because you'll have your fingers in many new pies. Success is now possible in areas where you previously met with disappointment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Don't wait for others to put a fun activity together, be the one who initiates good times. If you do, this can be an extremely enjoyable day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Those who love you are likely to do all they can to help satisfy both your material and emotional interests as unobtrusively as possible. Show your appreciation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – It's one of those rare days where some of your more expansive hopes have better- than-average chances of being gratified. Be optimistic about the outcome of events.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Don't sit around waiting for something good to happen. If you get on things immediately and strike while the iron is hot, you can realize some gangbusters opportunities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Forget about all the petty things going on in your life and focus your energies and efforts on endeavors that are near and dear to you. When you do, life can be pretty darn great.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Collective endeavors look extremely promising at this point in time. Check to see if there is room for you in a coalition that is engaged in something interesting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – One of your better assets is your knack for encouraging people to get together to work on a common goal. Instinctively you will know who should be part of this effort.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – If you've been considering making a major change that you believe would better your working conditions, now's the day to implement it. Delay will only dull your fervor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Trust your instincts, common sense and good judgment. Snap decisions could actually turn out to be better than those over which you ponder for some time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Timing can be extremely important in situations where you are trying to put together some kind of deal. Don't present your case without having all your ducks in a row, and don't delay the arrangement of said quackers, either.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – You might not have any fresh ideas yourself, but there will be no one better than you for improving upon the innovations of others. You'll know how to polish up what they envision.

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Exotic boar ban fuels backlash

DNR has made it illegal to possess wild Eurasian hogs; ranchers say such a rule is unconstitutional

By JOHN FLESHER
AP Environmental Writer

McBAIN, Mich. — Mark Baker was accustomed to taking orders in the Air Force. Now he's defying the government, taking a stand for what he considers a fundamental right: raising exotic hogs.

Baker is among Michigan farmers and ranchers battling the state's attempt to stamp out an industry that has been capitalizing on the increasing popularity of certain fierce, sharp-tusked boars among adventure hunters and food connoisseurs at tony restaurants. Known by various labels – feral hogs, razorbacks, Eurasian and Russian wild boar – they're believed to be escaping from hunting preserves and becoming a menace in the wild.

The conflict over the beasts has created odd alliances among foodies, environmentalists, agribusiness, hunters, and regulators in a state that normally tries to nurture businesses but in this case wants to exterminate one.

More than 5 million feral swine are prowling fields and woods in nearly every state, competing with native wildlife for food, gobbling farm crops and spreading disease, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Clever, aggressive and prolific – sows can produce two litters of up to six pigs a year – they are notorious for eating virtually anything and for damaging fields and wetlands with their rooting and wallowing.

Southern states such as Texas have all but abandoned hope of eradicating the animals. Michigan is among those farther north struggling to wipe them out while there's still time. The state Department of Natural Resources has declared exotic swine an invasive species, illegal to possess, and has already taken one breeding operation to court for violating the policy.

Michigan's feral hog population has been estimated at 1,000 to 3,000. The department has focused on the 60 game ranches where hunters pay $500 or more to stalk a wild boar – a challenging target that also bears especially tasty

See BOAR WARS, page D4

A 'Hunger' for archery

Book series, film boosts interest in age-old sport

By LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In schools and backyards, for their birthdays and out with their dads, kids are gaga for archery five weeks into the box office run of "The Hunger Games" and less than 100 days before the London Olympics.

"All of a sudden sales of bows have, like, tripled," said Paul Haines, a salesman at the Ramsey Outdoor store in Paramus, N.J.

A manager there made a sign for the hunting department: "Quality bows for serious archers and girls who saw the movie," he said.

Archery ranges around the country have enjoyed a steady uptick among kids of both sexes since the movie began cleaning up at the box office March 23, though heroine Katniss – a deadly shot with an arrow – seems to resonate more with girls.

"Katniss is so inspiring," said Gabby Lee, who asked for archery lessons for her 12th birthday in February after reading the wildly popular book trilogy by Suzanne Collins.

"I'm not very sportsy," she offers, but now she belongs to a youth archery league near her Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., home. "It feels really good because I'm usually the girl who sits and reads."

While some young archers have been doing it for years, motivated by generations of hunters in their families, the parents of others love it for its focus, independence and because they, too, have kids not drawn to more typical team or contact sports.

At 7, Christa Mattessich is too young for the gruesome dystopian world that thrusts 16-year-old Katniss and her fellow child tributes into the arena for a battle to the death, a battle Katniss wins thanks to the archery skills she honed while hunting game in the woods of her native District 12.

See ARCHERY, page D4

Charles Sykes / AP

Nicole Donzella of Fair Lawn, N.J., 15, participates in the youth archery league at Targeteers Archery in Saddle Brook on April 13. In schools and backyards, for their birthdays and out with their dads, kids are gaga for archery a month after the release of "The Hunger Games." Archery ranges around the country have enjoyed a steady uptick among kids of both sexes in the movie's lead-up, though 16-year-old heroine Katniss Everdeen, the archery ace, seems to resonate with girls more than boys. Donzella uses an eye patch to help line up her target.

Royalton's battle of the birds

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

The spring fights are on. April and May are the peak times during which male ring-necked pheasants defend territory where females nest and care for young. Male pheasants will often fight if one male invades another males breeding territory.

Two males had such a duel in the front yard of Gary Schwank of Royalton Township. I often travel this area around sunrise and have counted up to five different males "crowing" along Scottdale and Rockey Weed Roads.

Ring-necked pheasants have declined in this region during the past few decades due to multiple factors such as more powerful pesticides and herbicides which have a negative effect in the food chain, and the elimination of various habitats.

In some areas, such as south Royalton Township and Oronoko Township, pheasant populations seem to be somewhat stable. The mild winter meant less deaths from the cold. If they have a good nesting season this spring and summer, populations may begin to recover in areas with the right habitat.

A Michigan constrictor?

Shirley Churchill and Marge Yetzke found a black rat snake at Fernwood Nature Center last weekend. Churchill was able to get a few photos of the snake.

Black rat snakes inhabit wooded areas, at or near water. They are excellent climbers, as seen in Churchill's photo (on page D4). Adult black rat snakes may grow to four to eight feet.

See WUEPPER, page D4

Gary Schwank photo

A pair of male rooster ring-necked pheasants fight Sunday in Gary Schwank's yard in Royalton Township.

Michigan: The great bass state

Catch-and-release bass season opens Saturday; Sharp lists his top 10 state spots

Last year a national outdoors magazine listed the top urban fisheries in the U.S. and made Grand Rapids No. 5. I don't know how much the author knew about Michigan though, because the No. 1 freshwater urban fishery in this state – and arguably in the U.S. – is Detroit.

Eric Sharp

So it was a pleasant surprise when Bassmaster Magazine recently named its top 100 bass lakes. Not only did Michigan have a toehold in the top 10 (Lake Erie), it had another in the top 20 and four total.

With the catch-and-release bass season opening Saturday in the Lower Peninsula – along with the inland catch-and-keep seasons for walleye, pike and muskellunge (those same seasons don't open in the U.P. until May 15) – here are my favorite Michigan bass sites, places that have a lot of bass and often big ones.

Lake St. Clair: Unquestionably No. 1 in Michigan even though it was No. 13 on the Bassmaster list (Lake Erie was No. 4). At this time of year you'll find huge numbers of smallmouths off the mile roads on the U.S. side, in the shallows on the Canadian side and on the slightly deeper flats on both sides.

Lake Erie: The draw is lots of huge smallmouths. The drawback is lots of big water. But the mouth of the Detroit River nearly always produces, and some bays along the Michigan shoreline are great places for kayak fishermen, especially once the water warms next month.

Detroit River: The head of the river above Belle Isle is a great place to fish deep in the summer, dropping a tube bait and doing the Erie drag. But I've also caught some nice largemouths in the shallows around Belle Isle, especially in summer when you can work top water lures on a warm evening.

Shiawassee River: A bridge a few miles downstream from Owosso offers access to a great place to wade with a fly rod. Spring water levels can make the river unsafe, but once the water drops I look for smallmouths in the same places I'd seek rainbows in a trout stream.

Saginaw Bay: This might be the most underrated and overlooked bass

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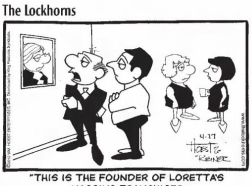
The Lockhorns



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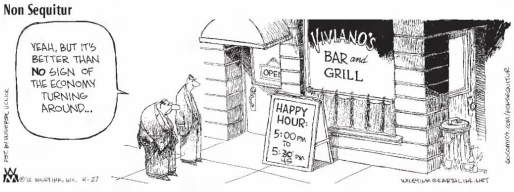

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NAME'S HARRY LAUREL...
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IS HE FOR REAL?

Zits

KNOW WHAT THIS RAVIOLI REMINDS ME OF? OUR TRIP TO ITALY?
AH! ITALIA! THE FOOD! THE HISTORY! THE ROMANCE!
IT WAS REALLY EXCITING! AS WERE YOU, MI AMOR! GREAT. NOW AN ENTIRE CULTURE MAKES ME WANT TO HURL.

Arlo and Janis

THE DOCTOR SAID IT WAS A STRAINED ROTATOR CUFF! IT SHOULD BE OK!
I HURT MYSELF REACHING FOR THE REMOTE! I'M GETTING SO OLD!
HONKEASSE! IT COULD'VE HAPPENED TO ANYONE!
I WANTED THE REMOTE TO TURN UP THE VOLUME SO I COULD HEAR!
HAH!

Garfield

Dilbert

TELL ME WHY I SHOULD HIRE YOU AS MY SERVICE MONKEY, CARL.
I WORKED AS A STARBUCKS BARISTA FOR EIGHT YEARS, AND MY HEAD HAS BEEN SURGICALLY FLATTENED TO STABILIZE YOUR COFFEE CUP.
IMPRESSIVE.
THIS IS NOTHING. YOU SHOULD SEE HOW WELL HE INTERVIEWS.

Heart of the City

HOLY SHAMOLEY. WHAT'S KAT DOING?
THAT MUST BE AN UNDERTAKER SHE'S TALKING TO...
...HE'S KINDA CUTE FOR A GUY THAT DEALS WITH DEAD PEOPLE.
IF THIS IS GONNA GET WEIRD, I'M GOING HOME TO WATCH "SPONGEBOB."

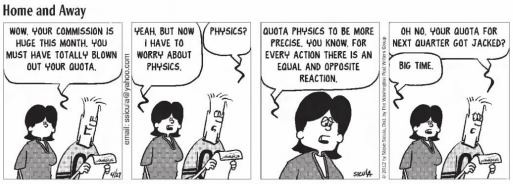
Blondie

HEY, BEFORE I GO TO WORK, I'D LIKE TO SNAP A PIC OF YOU GUYS ON MY CELL.
YOU BET!
SURE, CLAUDIA!
ABSOLUTELY!
THE PEOPLE IN MY OFFICE NEVER BELIEVE ME. NOW I'LL HAVE DOCUMENTED PROOF.
CLICK
CHEEBEE!
TA DAA!
PROOF?! PROOF OF WHAT?!
WE'LL ASK HER TOMORROW
I DON'T WANNA KNOW

Hagar the Horrible

DO YOU THINK YOU COULD SPARE THE TIME TO FIX THE ROOF WHILE YOU'RE HOME?
I DON'T SEE WHY NOT...
I'LL HAVE ABOUT HALF AN HOUR BETWEEN DIGESTING BREAKFAST AND EATING LUNCH!

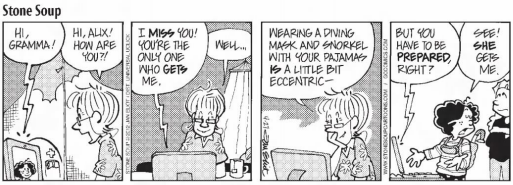
Home and Away


WOW. YOUR COMMISSION IS HUGE THIS MONTH. YOU MUST HAVE TOTALLY BLOWN OUT YOUR QUOTA.
YEAH, BUT NOW I HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT PHYSICS.
PHYSICS?
QUOTA PHYSICS TO BE MORE PRECISE. YOU KNOW, FOR EVERY ACTION THERE IS AN EQUAL AND OPPOSITE REACTION.
OH NO. YOUR QUOTA FOR NEXT QUARTER GOT JACKED?
BIG TIME.

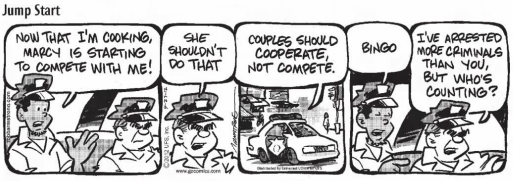
Baby Blues

B.C.

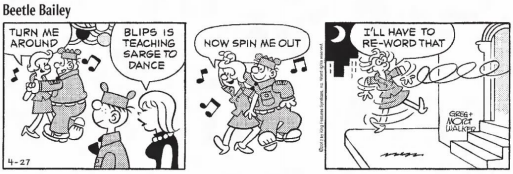
Stone Soup


HI, GRAMMA!
HI, ALIX! HOW ARE YOU?
I MISS YOU! YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO GETS ME.
WELL...
WEARING A DIVING MASK AND SNORKEL WITH YOUR PAJAMAS IS A LITTLE BIT ECCENTRIC—
BUT YOU HAVE TO BE PREPARED, RIGHT?
SEE! SHE GETS ME.

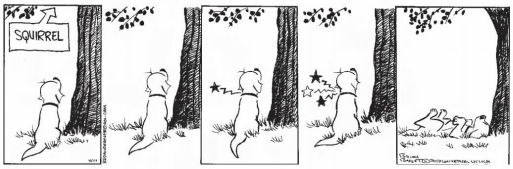
Jump Start


NOW THAT I'M COOKING, MARCY IS STARTING TO COMPETE WITH ME!
SHE SHOULDN'T DO THAT
COUPLES SHOULD COOPERATE, NOT COMPETE.
BINGO
I'VE ARRESTED MORE CRIMINALS THAN YOU, BUT WHO'S COUNTING?

Beetle Bailey



Red and Rover



Mother Goose & Grimm

WHERE'S RALPH?
OH, HE WENT TO THE MOVIES
THE MOVIES?! BUT THEY DON'T START FOR ANOTHER THREE HOURS
I KNOW, HE LIKES TO STAKE CLAIM TO HIS ARMREST SO HE DOESN'T HAVE TO FIGHT THE NEXT GUY FOR IT.
SIR, THE MANAGER WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU.
DO NOT CROSS DO

Pickles

MY MOTHER DIED AT THE AGE OF 84, AND 2 MONTHS LATER MY DAD DIED.
I GUESS HE COULDN'T BEAR TO GO ON WITHOUT HER. I HOPE IF I GO FIRST YOU'LL FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE.
BECAUSE YOU'D MISS ME SO MUCH?
OF COURSE, BUT I ALSO DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF YOU HAVING FUN WITHOUT ME.

Get Fuzzy

CARE FOR A SUN-DRIED TOAD TOE?
A SUN-DRIED TOMATO?
NO, A SUN-DRIED TOAD TOE. I HAVE ASSORTED SUN-DRIED TOAD BITS.
IS IT FREE-RANGE?
UHH... WELL, IT'S FREE-WAY.

Prime Time TV

FRIDAY EVENING APR. 27

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7) (13) (41) (57)	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank A three-in-one nail polish. (N)		:01 Primetime: What Would You Do?		20/20 CC	
CBS (2) (3) (22)	Entertain-ment Ton.	Undercover Boss (N) CC		CSI: NY Investigating a dismembered body.		Blue Bloods "Working Girls" (N) CC	
NBC (5) (8) (16)	Access Hollyw'd	Who Do You Think You Are? (N) CC		Grimm Nick encounters a conflict. (N)		Dateline NBC (N) CC	
FOX (17) (28) (32)	Two and Half Men	The Finder Walter looks for murderers.		Fringe "Worlds Apart" (N) CC		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS (34)	NewsHour	Washing-ton Week	An Out-look	William and Kate The Royal Wedding		Secrets of the Manor House CC (DVS)	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Nikita "Shadow Walker" (N) CC		Supernatural (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT (58)	Big Bang Theory	Monk A law student offers to help Monk.		Monk A union dispute goes awry.		How I Met	My Name Is Earl
WCIU (26)	House of Payne	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Chicago White Sox. From U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago. (N) (L)					
WHME (46)	News Israel	Lester Sumrall	Paid Program	The Harvest Show News and music.		Full Circle	Joyce Meyer
WSBT (22)	WSBT News (N)	Steven and Chris CC		Dr. Phil (N) CC		News	Frasier CC
A&E	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	★★ Red Dawn	★★★ Speed ('94) Keanu Reeves. A transit bus is wired to explode if it drops below 50 mph. CC				The Beach	
Animal	Whale	Whale Wars: Bluefin		Whale Wars		Frozen Planet CC	
BET	106/Park	★★★ National Security ('03) CC				Stomp the Yard 2	
Big Ten	:00 College Baseball Indiana at Michigan. (N) (L)					Spring Football	
Bravo	Don't Be Tardy	Kathy			★★ Quantum of Solace ('08) Daniel Craig, Olga Kurylenko. (P) CC		
Cartoon	NinjaGo	Cartoon Planet		King/Hill	King/Hill	American	American
Cinemax	★★ 50 First Dates ('04) Adam Sandler. CC			:10 ★★ Sanctum ('11, Action) Richard Roxburgh, Ioan Gruffudd. CC			
CMT	Youve	The Singing Bee (N)		J. Garth	Melissa	J. Garth	Melissa
CNBC	Report	The Celebrity Apprentice "Puppet Up!"				Soricsgate:	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper	
Comedy	Tosh.0	Sunny	Sunny	South Pk	Goods: Live Hard		
CSNC	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia Phillies. (N)					Postgame	SportsNet
Discovery	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch CC		Deadliest Catch "Weak Links" CC		Deadliest Catch CC	
Disney	Austin	Jessie (N)	Phineas	Fish	ANT Farm	Austin	Good
DIY	Disaster	Holmes on Homes		Turf War (N)		Caves	Want
E!	E! News	Fashion Star		Kate-Will	Kate-Will	Fashion Police (N)	
Encore	★★ You Again	★★★ National Lampoon's Animal House ('78, Comedy) John Belushi. CC				9:50 ★★ The Recruit ('03) CC	
ESPN	:00 2012 NFL Draft From New York. (N) (L) CC						
ESPN2	NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series: Richmond 250. (N)					Boxing	
ESPNC	Long Way	Friday Night Lights		Friday Night Lights		The Year of the Yao	
Family	Pirates-Carib.	★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest ('06, Action) Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley.					
Food	Best	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	News	The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity (N)		Greta Van Susteren	
Fox Sports	:00 MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at New York Yankees.					Tigers Lv.	Tigers Lv.
FX	★★★ Forgetting Sarah Marshall ('08, Romance-Comedy) Jason Segel, Kristen Bell, Mila Kunis.					The Ultimate Fighter Live (N) (L)	
G4	Attack	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Campus
Golf	Feherty	PGA Tour Golf					
Hallmark	Little House	Little House on the Prairie CC		Little House on the Prairie CC		Frasier CC	Frasier CC
HBO	:00 ★★ Unknown ('11, Suspense) Liam Neeson. CC			Ricky Gervais	Life's Too Short	Real Time With Bill Maher (N) CC	
History	Pickers	American Pickers		Top Shot CC		Top Shot CC	
HGTV	Hunt Intl	Celebs	Celebs	On Set	On Set	Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Gypsy	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Gypsy Wedding	
Lifetime	I Survived	I Survived CC		Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted	
MSNBC	Hardball	The Ed Show (N)		Rachel Maddow		Lockup	
MTV	Jersey	Jersey Shore CC		Jersey Shore CC		★★ Fame	
NFL	:00 2012 NFL Draft From New York. (N) (L) CC						
Nick	Fred	Sponge.	Sponge.	George	George	George	George
NGEO	Border	Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper	
Oxygen	:00 Best Ink CC	★★★ What's Love Got to Do With It ('93, Biography) Angela Bassett. CC				Movie	
Showtime	:45 ★★ Beastly ('11) Alex Pettyfer, Vanessa Hudgens. CC			:15 ★★ Drive Angry ('11, Action) Nicolas Cage, Amber Heard. CC			
Spike	:00 ★★ The Marine 2			★ Gamer ('09, Action) Gerard Butler.			
Starz	:00 Magic City	Magic City "Feeding Frenzy" CC		Magic City "Castles Made of Sand"		Magic City "Atonement" (N) CC	
SyFy	:00 Total Blackout	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) CC				Dream Machines	
TBS	Seinfeld CC	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	★★★ Catch Me if You Can ('02)	
TCM	6:30 The Strip	★★★ Stage Door ('37) Katharine Hepburn. CC (DVS)			:45 ★★ It All Came True ('40) Ann Sheridan. CC		
TMC	Phunny Business	★★ The Extra Man ('10, Comedy) Kevin Kline, Paul Dano, John C. Reilly. CC				★ Triggermen ('02) Neil Morrissey.	
TNT	Law	Law & Order		★★ Blade: Trinity ('04, Horror) CC			
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files	
TV Land	M*A*S*H	Home Im	Home Im	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Fairly Legal "Teenage Wasteland" (N)		In Plain Sight Mary must find her father.	
VH1	Tough	Behind the Music		Basketball Wives		New Jack City	
WGN-A	Funny Videos	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine (N) CC	

Treating ministroke quickly may prevent stroke later

Dear Doctor K: My husband's doctor said that he had a ministroke. What does this mean?

Dear Reader: Most strokes occur when blood flow to a part of the brain is blocked. These are called ischemic strokes. When the flow of blood is blocked badly enough, for a long enough time, brain cells die.

Not all blockages of the brain's blood vessels are bad enough, or last long enough, to cause death of brain cells. Instead, the part of the brain that isn't getting enough blood temporarily malfunctions. Such temporary blockages that do not lead to brain-cell death are called ministrokes, the technical term for which is "transient ischemic attack," or TIA.

TIAs usually last several minutes to hours. Below I list the symptoms of both a full stroke and a ministroke. The main difference is that the symptoms of ministrokes are temporary.

If the blockage and the symptoms are temporary, why is it important for you to know about TIAs? Because they greatly raise the risk that a bigger, permanent stroke may be on the way. And also because medical care can reduce your risk of having that stroke.

For that reason, a TIA should be regarded – and treated – every bit as seriously as a full-blown stroke. It's a warning sign, and unfortunately many people don't get a warning sign before a stroke: They just suddenly have a stroke and suffer permanent brain damage. So if a person is lucky enough to get a warning sign, he or she needs to act on it.

Dr. Anthony Komaroff

Now that your husband has had a TIA, he might well need drugs to prevent clotting and to lower blood pressure and cholesterol. These help prevent a full-blown stroke.

If he hasn't already, your husband also may need a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) study. If he is found to be at high risk for an impending stroke, he should be hospitalized right away.

Because of his increased risk, you should be on the lookout for the warning signs and symptoms of another ministroke or of a full-blown stroke. If you observe any of the following, immediately dial 911 or take him to an emergency room:

- ▶ weakness in an arm, hand or leg;
- ▶ numbness on one side of the body;
- ▶ sudden dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye;
- ▶ sudden difficulty speaking;
- ▶ inability to understand what someone is saying;
- ▶ dizziness or loss of balance;
- ▶ sudden, lasting, excruciating headache.

We have a lot more information on stroke in our Special Health Report, "Stroke: Preventing and Treating 'Brain Attack.'" You can find out more about it at my website, www.AskDoctorK.com.

It's impossible to overstate the importance of acting quickly to prevent a full stroke, if a person has a ministroke. We don't get a lot of second chances in life, but having a TIA – and doing something about it – is one example where we do.

Dr. Komaroff is a physician and professor at Harvard Medical School. Write to him at his website: www.AskDoctorK.com.

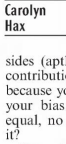
Big sister needs to see little brother as an equal

Dear Carolyn: My little brother and I used to be close, but have had a more tense relationship in recent years (I thought he needed to grow up, he thought I wasn't fun anymore). I think there's equal fault on both sides.

Anyway, I just found out he's going to be a dad. I met the mom at a family event and she is very nice, but they both have to work very hard to make ends meet, so I know this is going to be tough on them. I'd really like to let my brother know that I think he's doing a good thing by working hard to prepare to be a good dad and that I'd like to be there for him and his new family. But I don't know how to say it. "I'm proud of you" sounds condescending. – **Brother Having a Baby**

It sounds that way because it is, unless it's something you can easily imagine his saying to you. Which I can't.

Why?: "Little" brother; "he needed to grow up"; "he's doing a good thing by working hard to prepare to be a good dad." Each of these translates to, "I am the adult in this relationship and he is the child." I have sisters, too – as in, sisters, not "big" sisters, and I'm not their "little" sister, unless there's a need to distinguish one from another, like, "I have two sisters, and the *older*/*younger* one ... " blah blah blah blah.



Carolyn Hax

Since such distinctions aren't necessary here, the "little" in "little brother" is bias.

To get the strain out of the relationship will take concessions from both sides (aptly), but I suspect your contribution will solve it. That's because your part is to dismantle your bias and see him as your equal, no qualifiers. Can you do it?

Dear Carolyn: Daughter, 32, owns her own lovely townhouse. Been living with Boyfriend for three-plus years. Boyfriend recently took a promotion that requires him to be in another city three weeks per month, and one week with her. She seems OK with the situation. He's even moving some of his furniture there. I think it's a strange situation for a young, unmarried couple. Should I just butt out? It bothers me – like Daughter can't get on with her life. Any comments? – **Anonymous**

Would it bother you less if Boyfriend sat on the floor three weeks per month, instead of moving some of his stuff?

Yes, they appear to be on course for less of a commitment to each other versus more – "appear" being the operative word – and yes that will bother a loving bystander who defines "get on with her life" in terms of marriage, children, commingled furniture, detached home.

I'm less impressed by how unconventional this arrangement is, though, than I am by how self-sufficient your daughter seems to be. Sure, there are plenty of risks involved in this semi-long-term, semi-long-distance relationship, some of them obvious and some not so. But I don't see any hint in your letter that she's not capable of spotting, managing and, if needed, recovering from these risks herself.

Love her, trust her, root for her, be available to her if needed – and butt out. And never ever I-told-you-so her, even if you turn out to be right.

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Memo ltrs.
4 College stat
7 NYPD figure
10 — Wiedersehen
11 Apiece
13 Pol base
14 JAMA readers
15 Hudson Bay tribe
16 Vegas numbers
17 Fort
19 Heavy hydrogen discoverer
20 Drowse off
21 Kind of printer
23 Knitter's supply
26 Palette adjunct
28 "You don't say!"
29 NASA destination
30 Arrive at
34 Olaf's toast
36 Lao Tzu's "way"
38 Compete
39 French Legion headgear
41 Jalopy
42 Dogwood's pooch
44 Novelist — Levin
46 Worm or minnow
47 Wool fats
52 Austen novel
53 Leave out
54 Feel crummy
55 Sock tips
56 Prefix for second
57 Lion's prey
58 Come to a halt
59 — Majesty
60 Paddle cousin

DOWN
1 Crazes
2 Round dwelling
3 In that case (2 wds.)
4 Large-eyed lizard
5 Brass band events
6 More than passed
7 Tight-knit team
8 Decree
9 Bunch of flowers
12 Loaf ends
13 Muss up
18 Anderson Cooper channel
22 Prefix for dynamic
23 Fabric meas.
24 Razor-billed bird
25 Sweater letter
27 — spumante
29 Dots in the Seine
31 Wide st.
32 Hush-hush org.
33 Like cool cats
35 Japanese sports car
37 Silly
40 Bridge tower
41 Mr. Linden
42 — Runyon
43 Zeroed in on
45 Generator part
46 — moire
48 Bombay nanny
49 Desdemona's enemy
50 1492 vessel
51 Run words together

Answer to Previous Puzzle

C	H	A	R	T			B	R	I	M	S	
P	E	R	E	S			L	A	B	E	L	
R	E	N	T	A	L		A	T	T	I	L	A
			I	R	I	S	E	S		S	T	Y
		D	O	N		R	A	G				
B	E	A	U		E	N	I	D		M	A	P
L	A	K	E	R		T	S	E		E	N	E
A	L	E			A	I			P	U	G	E
S	S	N		N	E	A	T		K	I	R	K
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L	E	T		E	R	O	I	C	A			
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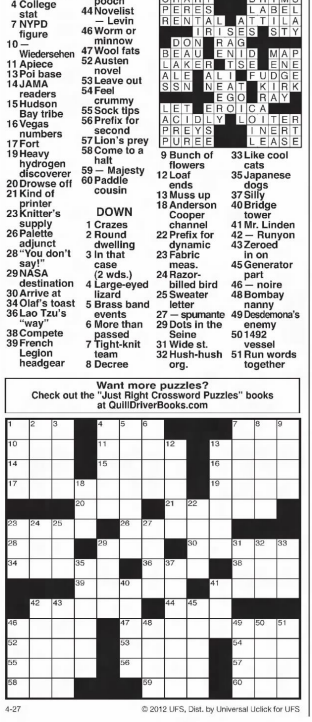

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Jumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CHAWT

NDRIG

BUTARP

NISETV

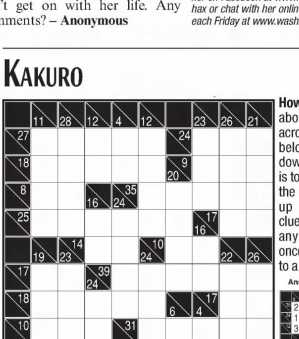
If they don't open soon, I won't have time for my workout before I go to work.
I don't have time for this.
SWEATIE'S GYM
CLOSED
WHEN THEY WERE LATE OPENING THE GYM, IT RESULTED IN THIS.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SOUPY FIGHT CAVITY GLITCH
Answer: After getting to the emergency room, he was hoping for some — HOSPITALITY

Kakuro



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 4/27

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Answer to previous puzzle

4	2	8	9	7	■	7	9	■
1	3	6	8	9	■	9	8	6
7	9	5	■	1	9	8	■	8
■	■	1	3	8	■	7	9	8
5	1	6	7	■	■	1	4	2
3	7	9	■	3	8	9	■	■
8	9	■	3	1	5	■	9	7
2	5	3	1	■	7	9	8	5
■	1	2	■	2	5	3	1	■

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Bridge

Herman Kahn, founder of the Hudson Institute think tank and a prominent military strategist who died in 1983, said, "A surprising number of government committees will make important decisions on fundamental matters with less attention than each individual would give to buying a suit."

Sadly, isn't that the truth? In bridge, though, we should pay attention to all four suits, whatever we are wearing. In this deal, how should South plan the play in six spades after West leads the heart king? What is West's more effective lead?

South has four potential losers: one heart and three diamonds. And since he has to make use of his diamond suit, declarer should attack that suit first.

After cashing the ace and king of diamonds, South ruffs the third diamond with dummy's spade king. If they are 3-3, he can draw trumps and claim. But when they turn out to be 4-2, declarer plays a club to his ace and leads another diamond. However, instead of ruffing (East would overruff and cash a heart), South discards dummy's remaining heart. In a moment, declarer will ruff his heart loser on the board, draw trumps, and claim. He transfers a dangerous ruff in one suit (diamonds) to a safe ruff in another (hearts).

Also, yes, South could make that loser-on-loser play at trick four. And an initial trump lead would be fatal.

North 04-27-12
♠ K 3 2
♥ 7 4
♦ 6 3
♣ J 8 6 5 3 2

West
♠ 8 5
♥ K Q 10 9
♦ J 9 8 5
♣ Q 9 4

East
♠ 7 6 4
♥ J 8 5 3 2
♦ Q 10
♣ K 10 7

South
♠ A Q J 10 9
♥ A 6
♦ A K 7 4 2
♣ A

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

Sudoku

Difficulty: 5 (of 5)

			5					
		7		6				5
			8		3	1		
1	9		3			8		
	4				7			
		3	2				4	
		2				4	3	
	1						2	
7				9	6			

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

3	7	8	1	6	5	2	9	4
6	9	5	3	4	2	7	8	1
2	1	4	8	7	9	6	3	5
1	5	2	9	3	7	4	6	8
7	6	3	4	1	8	5	2	9
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WUEPPER

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They are constrictors, meaning that they suffocate their prey before swallowing them whole. Black rat snakes feed on mice, rats, squirrels and birds.

Duck update

Last week's column also mentioned a female mallard duck, pictured camouflaged on her nest at the base of two birch trees in the yard of James and Jeanne Meyer of Niles Township. This week, the Meyers sent me an update.

The mother mallard duck now has several hatched babies to care for. It's hard to tell how many babies are huddled around the mother, but there are probably around five to seven, which is the average.

The mother duck will care for these babies for the next several weeks.

The babies will grow rapidly and will be able to fly around early to middle part of June. It is possible that this adult female may have a second brood later in the summer.

Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wuepperj@gmail.com.

Shirley Churchill photo

ABOVE: A black rat snake hangs in a tree at Fernwood Nature Center last weekend. Rat snakes can grow up to eight feet long.

RIGHT: A female mallard cares for her young in a Niles Township yard this week.

James Meyer photo

Here's Bill

ARCHERY

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But Christa loves archery just as much and has been shooting for about two years at the same range as Gabby. Targeteers Archery in Saddle Brook, N.J., said dad Anthony Mattessich in Oakland.

"I'm an avid bow hunter," he said. "At her age, with other sports, they're just running with each other and chasing a ball, then the ice cream truck comes and that's that. For archery, they're a little bit more dedicated."

Nicole Donzella, 15, may not be Olympic bound, but she knows her way around a bull's-eye and plans to DVR archery from London.

Her dad, hunter Bart Donzella, got her started in the sport at age 5, and later her younger sister, leaving "girly girl things" to their mother while he bonded with them through kayaking and other outdoor activities.

"I had a little mini-bow. It was really cute. I shot from five yards back then," Nicole said.

Now up to 20 yards with a top score of 298 out of 300, she shoots weekly in the same youth league as Gabby at Targeteers in northern New Jersey.

"I like that it's an individual sport but at the same time there's other people around you so you can still socialize," said Nicole, from nearby Fair Lawn. "It's the only thing I'm good at and it's really nice to do with my dad."

She's a Katniss fan, too. "I like that she's making archery cool."

Abbey Fitzpatrick in Sandy Creek, N.Y., turned 11 on April 10. She also asked for and received her own bow and arrows for her birthday. "It's black. It really looks like Katniss' bow," Abbey said. "She was so brave and very heroic in the games."

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Jennifer Lawrence portrays Katniss Everdeen and Liam Hemsworth portrays Gale Hawthorne in a scene from "The Hunger Games."

Like more than 2 million kids in nearly every state and several other countries, Abbey did archery in gym class this year as part of the decade-old National Archery in the Schools Program that trains teachers in the sport and offers discounts on equipment.

"There's a lot of buzz among young people about archery right now. They want to shoot bows and arrows so badly they're willing to follow the rules," said Roy Grimes, the organization's president.

In Hartland, Mich. (about a half hour north of Ann Arbor), enthusiast Robert Jellison teaches seventh-grade science and has incorporated archery through NASP into his lessons on kinetic and potential energy, eye-hand coordination and the properties of pulleys and levers.

Jellison was invited in March with some of his students to perform a demonstration at the local library as part of a "Hunger Games" reading.

"Some of the kids there went out that day and signed up for archery," he said. "A lot of people look at archery as, 'Oh, you know, is it a real sport?' All of a sudden there's all this excitement."

Bobbi Bowles owns archery shop K.C.'s Outdoors with her husband in Spicewood, Texas, outside Austin. Sales of equipment have doubled the past few weeks, she said, and they're adding beginner classes to accommodate more new recruits young and older.

At the Austin Archery Club, "The movie is sending a lot of people our way who are interested in archery, the crossbow and survival skills," said a director, Roy Wenmohs. "At a recent tournament we had about 10 young people, from ages 10 to 15," he said. "About half were new. Last year we had three."

Games of a different sort are hoping for a "Hunger Games" bump come July, though kids in North America looking to catch Olympic archery will likely be sleeping during live competition.

"We're thrilled with the awareness and the excitement that 'The Hunger Games' have brought to the sport of archery," said Denise Parker, CEO of USA Archery, the U.S. training and selection body for the Olympics, Paralympics, Pan American Games and other world events.

"We're already receiving feedback from our youth clubs that interest in archery programs in their areas is up significantly," she said.

Alexis Fleming, 14, in Manor, Pa., has Olympic dreams. She shot last fall as part of the Junior Olympic Archery Development program after first picking up a bow through 4H.

"I like the fact you can ignore the world around you and just focus on where the arrow is going to go," she said.

Targeteers owner Rob Cerone said he averages five or six archery birthday parties a month, up from about half that six months ago. He's filling up early for weeklong summer camps, where he teaches kids how to shoot, make their own arrows and put a bow together.

"The Hunger Games have helped, especially with the girls," Cerone said.

BOAR WAR

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meat. Inspections show that most have gotten rid of the swine.

But ranchers and farmers who raise the animals have mounted a counteroffensive, with lawsuits and an online campaign depicting themselves as victims of heavy-handed government and big business.

"I've told them publicly I will disobey this order because it's illegal and unconstitutional," said Baker, 51, who began raising hogs and chickens after leaving the military in 2004. He and his wife home-school their eight children on an 80-acre farm in Missaukee County, a gently rolling landscape dotted with barns and silos.

Baker, one of four producers suing to overturn the policy, says its description of forbidden swine could apply to virtually any pig. Wild boar hybrids, it says, could have straight or curly tails and erect or floppy ears. Such vagueness will give inspectors too much power and suggests the underlying motive is to eliminate a growing competitor to mass-produced pork, he said.

"The DNR is doing the dirty work for industrial agriculture, trying to destroy family farms," Baker said, flinging chunks of bread to several dozen hogs inside a woven wire pen. They squealed and grunted like any others but looked markedly different. Among them were a purebred mangalitsa boar, a Hungarian breed with a curly, rust-colored coat resembling sheep's wool, and several black Russian females with which he mates.

Mangalitsa pork is an increasingly popular delicacy in gourmet restaurants that feature niche "heritage" meats. The hogs have darker, more flavorful meat than those raised in tight confinement, said Eric Patterson, owner of The Cooks' House restaurant in Traverse City.

"It's fantastic pork," said Patterson, who has served ham, fatback and pork belly from Baker's farm.

DNR spokesman Ed Golder said the zero-tolerance policy is designed to protect farms of all sizes from livestock diseases such as pseudorabies and brucellosis, which wild hogs are known to carry.

Wisconsin and Oregon have similar policies, and Michigan officials say they've gotten inquiries from Pennsylvania, Kansas and Tennessee.

Michigan's leading environmental and farm organizations support the crackdown.

"We do not want Russian boar in our woods," said Dennis Fijalkowski, executive director of the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy.

The lure of wild hogs for sportsmen is understandable. "They're very crafty, hard to find," said Fijalkowski, who hunted them in Germany decades ago.

"This is an intelligent animal with an incredible sense of smell. And of course there's an element of danger." A German hunter bled to death several years ago when a boar's tusk sliced open his femoral artery, Fijalkowski said.

A state trooper shot a feral hog that chased a young girl in southern Michigan several years ago, he said, and the animals "demolished" a wheat crop last fall in Saginaw County.

FISHING REPORT

Trout fishing should be good. The relatively warm winter and early spring reduced winter mortality and stream flows have not been extremely high. Pike and walleye spawned 2 to 3 weeks ahead of schedule so they may be in their late spring mode in terms of habitat needs and feeding habits.

St. Joseph: Boat anglers continue to catch chinook, coho and the occasional steelhead when trolling regular or magnum spoons that resemble alewife.

Holland: Catch rates were good for white perch by those using worms on the bottom. A few white bass were also caught. When boats can get out, chinook salmon were caught in waters 150 feet deep.

Grand Haven: Salmon anglers are still doing very well for chinook and coho but most of the fish caught have been coho. Set your downriggers 40 to 150 feet down in waters 150 to 250 feet deep with blue or green regular and magnum spoons. White spinnies with green or blue flies have also caught fish. Perch fishing is pretty much nonexistent as the fish are small so there are a lot of throw backs.

Grand River at Grand Rapids: Anglers are still getting a few left-over steelhead. The carp action is good and catfish are hitting on crawlers. Try Riverside Park for bluegill and crappie.

Grand River at Lansing: Carp fishing was good at the North Lansing Dam, Grand Ledge and Portland for those using crawlers or corn. Those fishing over at Moore's Park were targeting catfish.

— The Associated Press

SHARP

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fishery in Michigan.

Smallmouths and largemouths abound from one end to the other, with the Charity Islands rivaling Ohio's famed Bass Islands in Lake Erie. But most anglers ignore the bass and fish instead for the huge numbers of walleyes and perch.

Grand Traverse Bay: Huge smallmouths lurk around the boulders and rocks littering the bottom, but a real hot spot is the "black streaks" at the south end of East Bay. This is a good early-season spot.

Lake Michigan: At No. 34 on the Bassmaster list, telling people you caught bass in Lake Michigan is like saying you caught trout in Colorado. I've caught bass in Lake Michigan everywhere from Benton Harbor to Little Bay de Noc on the far north. Waugoshance Point at Wilderness State Park at the extreme northwestern tip of the Lower Peninsula usually is fantastic from about mid-May through early July, with smallmouths coming in the spawn on big boulders along the shorelines and between the many islets.

Lake Charlevoix: I usually fish this lake later in summer. Friends say it is a superb spring fishery for bass with the odd walleye as a bonus. It's No. 37 on the Bassmaster top 100, and I like fishing there because there are great spots within kayaking distance of launch sites.

Grand River: Most of the bass are small, but there are huge numbers of them, mostly smallmouths, and they're usually suckers for a streamer fly. The stretch through the Portland State Game Area downstream from Lansing is a wonderful place to canoe.

Huron River: The upstream stretches are great for fly-fishing, mostly for smallmouths in the 10-12 inch range, but you'll get the occasional surprises with a 16-incher. Once you get to Kent Lake in Kensington Metropark the fish get bigger, although not so numerous.

The No. 1 water on the Bassmaster Top 100 was Falcon Lake on the Texas-Mexico border, where 8-10 pound largemouths are commonplace and pro Paul Elias set a BASS tournament record with 20 fish that totaled 132.5 pounds.

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GET OUTDOORS

Berrien Paddlers

▶ Planning session, 7 p.m. Monday at the St. Joseph library. For more information, go to www.berrienpaddlers.com.

▶ Stand Up Paddle Board demonstration, 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the St. Joseph High School pool. Enter through the Lakeview Avenue parking lot. Free admission.

Boating safety courses

▶ The Cass County Sheriff's Department is offering nine Department of Natural Resources Boaters Safety Courses this spring and summer at different locations around Cass County. The classes are for students 12 years and older. Classes start at 8 a.m. and last about six hours. Register by calling the sheriff's department at 445-1240.

Upcoming dates include May 12 at Midway Marine, 5066 M-152 Sister Lakes (between Dewey and Magician Lakes), and June 2 at Howard Township Fire Department, 2681 Detroit Road, just east of Niles.

For a complete list of class locations and dates, visit the sheriff's department at www.ccso.info.

Sarett Nature Center

▶ Hypertufa for butterflies workshop, 2-4 p.m. Saturday. Make a hypertufa nature-inspired bowl or dish that can be used for a butterfly puddling/feeding station. Cost is $15. Call 927-4832 to register.

▶ Kayak the St. Joseph River, 1 p.m. Saturday. Paddle from Berrien Springs to Jasper Dairy boat launch. Cost is $20 per person; $15 per member. Transportation and equipment included. Call 927-4832 to register.

▶ Reptiles and Amphibians, 2 p.m. Sunday. Past Sarett naturalist Jim McGrath, now of Nature Discovery, will return to Sarett with a sampling of the state's reptiles and amphibians. Cost is $5 per person; $2 per member and free for children.

▶ Butterfly house docent training, 10 a.m. May 5. Email dianneb@sarett.com to register.

▶ Adults and nature lecture series on "Spring Wildflowers" is at 2:30 p.m. May 9. Call 927-4832 to register.

Coloma Rod and Gun Club

▶ 3-D archery range grand opening, 9 a.m. May 6. Thirty 3-D archery targets will be set up in a wooded environment. Shoots are every Sunday until further notice. Call the clubhouse at 468-6745 or Larry at 208-5095 for more information.

▶ CCW/CPL classes are on the second Saturday of every month beginning at 8 a.m. Cost is $100, with $50 deposit due at registration. Registration is the Sunday before the class date. Call the clubhouse at 468-6745 or Dan at 621-3370 for more information.

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